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Finegold supports cell phone-free policy in schools

Last week, the Massachusetts Senate took decisive action for student success and school safety, passing S.2561, An Act to Promote Student Learning and Mental Health. This bill, which Senator Barry Finegold strongly supports, aims to create a supportive and focused educational environment by establishing cell phone-free schools across the Commonwealth. Sen. Finegold submitted written testimony to the Joint Committee on Education and spoke on the Senate floor. A recent Harris poll found that almost half of 18- to 27-year-olds wished social media had never been invented. "We need to harness technology to help — not hinder — educators and students. This bill fosters safer and more productive schools," said Sen. Finegold. (Courtesy photo)



▲ Grace Walsh, Charlie Rooney and Ava Kennedy were program assistants for the Tiny Tots/Kids Club program this year. As alums of the program, Walsh and Rooney wanted to give back to the summer camp they enjoyed so much when they were younger. (Paige Impink photo)

Rec program in Wilmington celebrates 50 years

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Tiny Tots/Kids Club summer program celebrated 50 years this past week.

Founded by then-Recreation Director Ron Swasey, the summer program

is now celebrating 50 years (1975-2025). Camp Director Linda Stillings brought several of the original program leaders together for a special day at the Boutwell Early Learning Center to reminisce and see how far the program has come.

Joined by Ron Colbert,

Diane Ferguson, and Michele Cairra Siracusa, Swasey recounted how he and Jim Gillis first arranged a playground program at different schools in town.

"We had as many as 300 kids registered at once. We had seven playgrounds,"

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Select Board approve authorization for apartments to be condos at 7 Cross St.

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Select Board held a meeting on Tuesday, July 29, outside of their summer schedule, for the purpose of authorizing the Select Board chair to sign the revised application to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) for local action units at 7 Cross St.

This item had come up at their July 14 meeting, and the board voted to table the discussion until their Sept. 8 meeting in anticipation of receiving more information about the request. The board understood at that time that the application to the EOHLC for 7 Cross St. was proposed to change to condominiums from apartments.

The later date was decided because they recognized that one board member could not attend the scheduled Aug. 18 meeting. Town Manager Eric Slagle shared that the chair had the authority to bring this up early so long as they properly notified the public ahead of the meeting.

The July 29 meeting was set at the request of Attorney Robert Peterson Jr., representing One Cross L.L.C. Chair Frank West invited Peterson to speak on the item.

Peterson explained that they had plans as soon as Monday, Aug. 4 to begin marketing the units, collecting applications, submitting the top applicants to the EOHLC for approval, and then signing the contract with the seller which would initiate a 45-day formal sale process. He emphasized that these plans hinged on finalizing this regulatory agreement so that they could sell as early as December 2025 rather than waiting until 2026.

Lilia Maselli asked for the reason behind changing from apartments to condominiums. Peterson answered that it was due to the current state of the economy, as it was more costly to build apartments than to build condominiums.

Maselli then wondered if this may set a precedent for future projects where they begin as apartments and then change to condominiums down the line. Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich explained that this project underwent review and approval from the Planning Board as apartments. To bring it before the Select Board, the applicant returned to the Planning Board first to change the language specific to apartments in their decisions. This involved public hearing and amendments to the conditions for condominiums. She stated that ownership is the only other changing element.

Maselli stated that she'd seen these condominiums listed online as 33 percent sold and wondered how that was possible. Peterson clarified that they could list the units but couldn't effectuate the sale — so until approval, these were

only pending under contract.

Slagle added that the zoning change involving this project at Town Meeting allowed multi-family housing, which could either be apartments or condominiums. Peterson also mentioned that they brought up the possibility of condos during the initial planning stages for the project with the town but moved away from that idea at the time.

Kevin Cairra asked if the affordable units would have a local preference, which Peterson confirmed.

Several board members referenced a memo from Gingrich assuring the board that the change to this application had no impact on the number of affordable units to be added to the town's count toward 10 percent. With this confirmed, Maselli stated that she saw no downside to the board's approval.

West established that they had previously been concerned as they thought that the change may turn a potential 18 units into only three affordable units counting toward the required 10 percent, but instead only the three affordable units would have counted no matter whether they were apartments or condominiums.

Cairra brought up some of the town's 40B developments, pointing out that while the permit was finalized for Princeton Properties, the West

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Smoke from Canadian wildfires causing haze

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

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tion. There is a yellow-brownish haze outside and it's being caused by Canadian wildfire smoke. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has issued an Air Quality Alert for Fine Particulate matter, urging caution for sensitive populations.

An Air Quality Alert means that concentrations of fine particulates may approach or exceed levels that are unhealthy for sen-

sitive groups (USG), and limiting outdoor activity is recommended. When trees and brush burn, fine particles are created that can be inhaled into the lungs. Air becomes unhealthy for sensitive children and adults, such as those with asthma, lung or heart disease, and older adults.

When air quality alerts are issued, sensitive populations should limit pro-

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Wilmington Library News:

End of summer bash on the town common on Thursday, Aug. 14

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, August 12, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, August 13, 2 p.m.
Thursday, August 14, 2 p.m.
Saturday, August 16, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Level Up Your Online Safety Skills
Monday, August 11, 6 p.m.
Join online privacy professional, Jen Tierney, for a session on keeping your family safe online! We'll talk about how data moves online, how it can be accessed by bad actors, and what you and your kids can do to keep your information safe.

Needleworkers at Night
Monday, August 11, 6-8 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in.

Cookin' The Books — The Tea Party Edition
Tuesday, August 12, 3 p.m.
Join us for our Annual Cookin' the Books Tea Party! This month we are featuring a tea party theme. There is no specific cookbook — It is up to you to bring whatever you would enjoy at a tea party!

Fun & Function of iPhone
Thursday, August 14, 2:30 p.m.

Whether you're new to the iPhone or looking to unlock its hidden potential, this session will cover essential tips, tricks, and features to make your device both practical and enjoyable.

Needleworkers
Friday, August 15, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Baby and Me Yoga
Saturday, August 16, 12 p.m.
Looking for a way to incorporate yoga into your life with baby? Join YogaMoves for a Baby & Me Yoga class! Designed for parents/caregivers with pre-walking little ones. Newly postpartum parents are welcome once given the ok by their healthcare provider.

Youth Programs

Bilingual Story Hour
Monday, August 11, 10 a.m.
Practice using your home language or learn a new language with the Community Teamwork Family Resource Network! Ages 0-6.

Family Movie Matinee: Wreck-It Ralph
Wednesday, August 13, 10 a.m.
Wear your pjs and bring something comfy to sit on for this special library event! Watch featured movie, Wreck-It Ralph and



▲ Join us on the town common for the End of Summer Bash with Johnny the K on Aug. 14 at 5:30 p.m. There will be library raffles, lawn games, food trucks and more! (Courtesy photo)

enjoy delicious popcorn! All Ages

Family Craft Night: Sign Making
Wednesday, August 13, 6 p.m.
Complete a craft together with your family! Paint your own personalized wooden sign to hang in your room. Make sure to select your image before the event on our website. Ages 5+

End of Summer Bash
feat. Johnny the K
Thursday, August 14, 5:30 p.m.
Join us on the Town Common to celebrate the end of another fun summer with library raffles, lawn games, live music for all ages with Johnny the K, and food trucks! All Ages

Paint Palooza
Saturday, August 16, 3 p.m.
Join us for our messiest event of the year! We'll have paper and canvases to paint on with brushes, rollers, spikey balls, loofas and more at this painting extravaganza! Babies through 5th Graders!

Additional Information

Mark your calendars!
Join author Sy Montgomery on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) as she discusses her journey as an author. There will be a cash bar, book sales & an

autograph signing! Sy Montgomery is best known for her books A Good, Good Pig and The Soul of an Octopus. Registration opens Aug. 14! This is a free event, open to ages 9+, and is located at the Wilmington Senior Center.

Check Out Our Library of Things
Did you know Wilmington Memorial Library circulates more than just books? Check out our Adult, Teen and Youth Library of Things for fun and useful items to take home. Items include: a pickleball set, disc golf, lawn games, volleyball and badminton, a tent and much more! See what's available at <https://wilmingtonlibrary.org/lot/>.

Book Store Next Door
Regular hours are back at The Book Store Next Door! The bookstore is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting www.wilmingtonlibrary.org/services/mp.

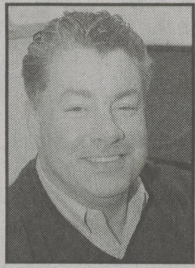
WML In-Person & Virtual Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs and is required for all virtual programs, as you will need to register in order to receive the Zoom link. You can register on our website at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 658-2967.



Kiwanis Club establishes new Mini Food Pantry in Wilmington

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois



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Business taxpayers' online payment plan options include:
Long-term payment plan (also called an installment agreement) — For business taxpayers who have a total balance less than \$25,000 in combined tax, penalties and interest from the current and preceding tax year. They can make monthly payments for up to 24 months. Taxpayers can choose to set up payments using direct debit (automatic bank withdrawal). Direct deposit is required on balances between \$10,000 and \$25,000.
Online tools for payment plans: Qualified taxpayers with existing payment plans may be able to use the Online Payment Agreement to make changes to their plans that include revising payment dates, payment amounts or bank information for direct debit payments.
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• Review payment plan details and payment history.
• View the amount they owe.
Payment options for taxpayers already working with the IRS: Individuals and out-of-business sole proprietors who are already working with the IRS to resolve a tax issue, and who owe \$250,000 or less, have the option to propose a monthly payment that will pay the balance over the length of the collection statute — usually 10 years. These payment plans don't require a financial statement, but a determination for the filing of a notice of federal tax lien still applies.
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WILMINGTON — The Kiwanis Club of Wilmington has established a new Mini Food Pantry in Wilmington. It is located at the Congregational Church, 220 Middlesex Ave. Available 24/7, it's outside at the left side of the church and contains donate non perishable food.

If a person is in need of some food, that person can access the pantry and take what they need. Not intended to be a "shopping experience," but an emergency life line.

This Mini Food Pantry was built by Shawsheen

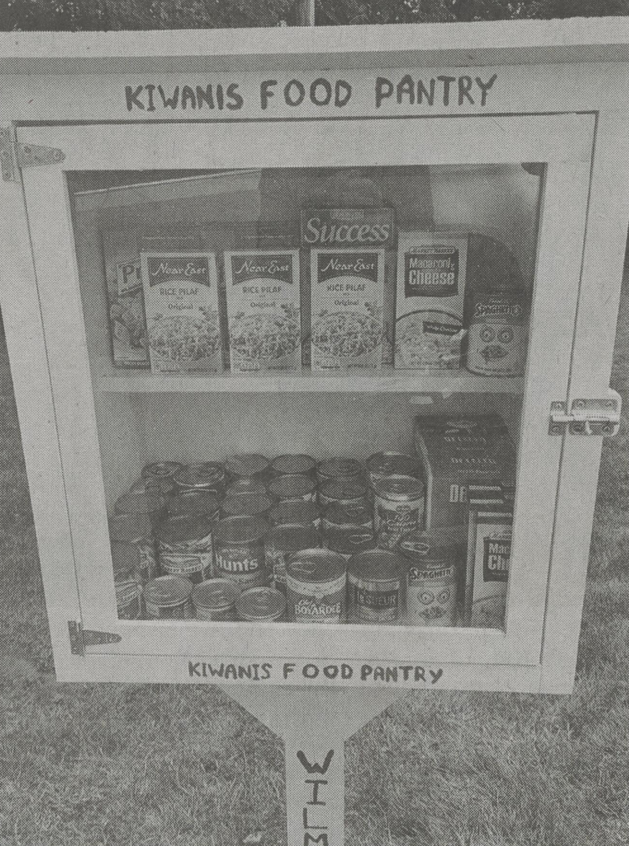
Tech students and painted by Scouts from Wilmington Pack 136. The Scouts also made the first donations of food.

Residents of town are encouraged to help by donating/dropping off food directly at the Mini Food Pantry or by PayPal. A list of items is posted on the side of the Mini Food Pantry and is also available on the club's website <https://k06224.site.kiwanis.org/what-we-do/>.

Residents who need more help are encouraged to contact the Wilmington Community Fund. They

◀ (Right front) Scouts Marvel, Brave and Oli flank Kiwanis Club President Stu Neilson as MJ and Molly hold their end of the ribbon (left). In the rear on the left side are Leo Woodside, Gene Trout and Don Rich and then Mary Kelly and Steve Connor. To the right are Karen West, Mark Fregeau, Robin Theodos and John Wallace. In the background is State Rep. Dave Robertson.

▼ All stocked and ready! Someone stepped up right away and filled the Pantry. (Courtesy photos)



run a full fledged Food Pantry and have been helping people since 1945. <http://www.wilmingtoncommunityfund.org/food-pantry.html>

West Nile Virus detected in Billerica

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

BILLERICA — In a statement released by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) on July 29, West Nile virus (WNV) has been detected in mosquitoes collected from Billerica.

According to the release, WNV is most commonly transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. The mosquitoes that carry this virus are common throughout the state, and are found in urban as well as more rural areas. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe infection.

West Nile Virus can cause illness ranging from a mild fever to more serious disease like encephalitis or meningitis. It was first identified in the United States in 1999. WNV is most commonly associated with urban environments, and mosquitoes of concern tend to breed in artificial containers such as untreated pools, abandoned tires and buckets.

Humans can take steps to reduce the chance of being bitten. For example, MDPH recommends scheduling outdoor events during daylight hours, avoiding the hours between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. It is also suggested to wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and socks to protect your skin.

Insect repellent can also be effective. Using products with active ingredients such as DEET, permethrin, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus can offer some protection. Each product has precautions that should be followed, especially for young children.

Some products are not to be applied to the skin, for example. In the case of permethrin products, they are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin.

Resident should look to keep mosquitoes out of their homes by repairing holes in window and door screens and making sure they are tightly attached. Any standing water around the home should be removed such as tires, buckets or any containers that could act as breeding areas.

It is also suggested to clean clogged roof gutters; remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of rainwater. Plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows should be turned over when not in use. Birdbaths should be refreshed every few days. Swimming pools should be clean and properly chlorinated and any standing water should be removed from pool covers.

Tewksbury's Health Director Shannon Gillis suggests residents contact Massachusetts Mosquito Control to request free spraying of their yard by calling 508-393-3055 or filling out a form online at www.cmmcp.org. CMMCP will be in Tewksbury to conduct requested spraying on Aug. 11, 14, 20, 26 (dates are subject to change).

Lifestyle

WHITE HOUSE HISTORY AT THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue might be one of the most exclusive addresses in the world, but diving into the world of the American presidency is easier than ever at a new museum located a block away: The People's House.

Opened in 2024, The People's House is operated by the White House Historical

Association, a nonprofit organization founded by First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy in the 1960s, who said that "The White House belongs to the American people."

Visiting the real White House requires contacting a member of Congress, and accessibility is limited as security has increased, so the museum helps people get up close and personal with the history of the White House in a more relaxed

environment.

The exhibit is free and open by reservation with some walk-in availability.

If the White House conjures up images of stuffy artifacts and breakable antiques, the People's House is most definitely a "please touch" museum. Interactive technology is a hallmark of the museum, which does a great job of making small galleries feel expansive.



▲ Interact with each of the rooms of the White House in a cutaway model.

(Rosalyn Impink photo)

Visitors entering the museum are greeted with a one-fifth scale replica of the White House south facade; an introductory history walks visitors through the architectural and cultural history of the White House, from its original construction in the 1790s (and destruction during the War of 1812) to the present.

The multimedia experience continues with a cutaway of the White House, letting visitors explore the function and history of individual rooms, from the Lincoln Bedroom to the White House doctor's office.

A replica of the West Colonnade imitates the "forty-five second commute" from the Residence to the Oval Office, and a grand hall immerses visitors in projections of five different rooms of the White House — reactive sensors enable visitors to select and explore artifacts.

It's fun to live out your "West Wing" dream in an exact replica of the Oval

Office. Be sure to get a picture sitting behind the Resolute Desk as you pretend to take a call with foreign leaders or whip up support in Congress (just don't launch any nuclear missiles).

When you're done, explore the decor around the room to see how presidents go about furnishing their offices; the replica will be updated in future years to reflect the current officeholder.

A highlight of the museum is the "People's Voices" gallery, which includes digital video portraits of longtime White House staffers. It's fascinating to listen to those who have served through various administrations for decades as florists, chefs, maintenance staff, security, and more.

Staff share stories of the work it takes to keep the White House running both as a home and as a working government building — all while making it look effortless.

A series of rooms explore how the White House is not

just a home to the president's family, but an important seat of power. Sit in on a meeting of the president's top advisors in the Cabinet Room, attend a glitzy state dinner, and enjoy a round of trivia in the White House theater.

A gallery dedicated to lesser-known White House history tells the stories of the building's occupants through interactive objects that trigger audiovisual displays. Did you know that Scottish stonemasons worked on the White House in the late 18th century, carving the Double Scottish Rose across the building's exterior?

Or that the handprints of the president have been cast in bronze for over 50 years as part of the Children's Garden on the South Lawn? Other objects explore the history of White House pets, weddings, and presidential vehicles.

The People's House is an exciting way to get up close and personal with history. Visit www.thepeopleshouse.org for more information.

A Sweet New Spot in Wilmington: Uncle John's Ice Creamery Now Open!

WILMINGTON, MA — Local residents have a new reason to celebrate! Small batch, homemade ice cream made fresh daily on-site, using only the finest and purest ingredients, is now available in Wilmington Plaza. Uncle John's Ice Creamery, a family-owned business, opened its doors on May 9th at 248 Main Street, bringing hand-crafted deliciousness to the community.

At Uncle John's Ice Creamery, you'll find more than just amazing ice cream. The shop offers a relaxed, clean, and family-friendly atmosphere where everyone is welcome.

While you'll find classic flavors like chocolate and vanilla to be permanent fixtures on the menu, we take pride in offering unique creations you won't find anywhere else. Flavors such as Red Velvet Oreo, Cookie Butter,

and Blueberry Muffin have quickly become fan favorites. Plus, there's always something new to try with our frequently ro-



tated flavor lineup and a weekly featured new flavor.

We're also proud to cater to those with allergies by offering several dairy-free, nut-free, and gluten-free ice cream options, as well as gluten-free cones. In addition to our frappes and sundaes, one of our most popular and signature creations, is the ice cream flight, of-

fered in four or eight flavors. This is a perfect choice for those looking to try a variety of flavors and possibly discover a new favorite! Another crowd-pleaser includes our molten lava cakes that are topped with our freshly made ice cream and ooze out melted chocolatey deliciousness once you take that first bite.

When the weather outside doesn't cooperate, be it the heat, cold, or rain, come inside our charming and inviting shop. With plenty of indoor seating and a welcoming vibe, it's the perfect place to relax with family and friends.

What began as a fun hobby, making homemade ice cream for loved ones, quickly became a true passion. After learning every aspect of the ice cream business, we knew it was time to share our dream with the community.

Our goal is to create a family-run business that becomes a cornerstone of Wilmington, making a positive and lasting impact for years to come. At Uncle John's Ice Creamery, we believe ice cream has the power to bring people together. More than just an ice cream shop, we want to be a place where friends and family gather, sharing a good time, one delicious scoop at a time.

Now through Labor Day, our hours are Wednesday-Sunday from 2pm to 9:30pm. We are closed Monday and Tuesday, so we can focus on making you the freshest ice cream possible.

You can also visit our website at unclejohnsicecreamery.com to check out our menu and to see which flavor could become your new favorite!



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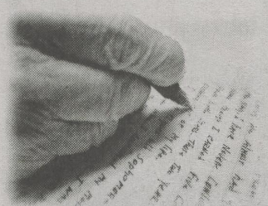
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OPINION



Letters to the editor

Urge congress to protect LIHEAP and CSBG programs

To the editor,
At Community Teamwork, we serve thousands of households each year through programs that do more than help people survive — they help them thrive. Two of the most essential pillars in this work are the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). That's why I feel compelled to speak out against the Trump Administration's proposal to completely eliminate funding for both programs in the coming federal budget.

Let me be clear: eliminating LIHEAP and CSBG would be devastating for families, seniors and veterans across Greater Lowell and beyond. These programs aren't about handouts. They're about keeping people safe in their homes, offering stability when it's needed most, and ensuring no child or elder has to choose between heat and food in the dead of winter.

The proposed budget eliminates \$4.025 billion in LIHEAP funding and \$770 million in CSBG, slashing support to millions of Americans who rely on these services to stay warm, fed, and financially stable. For Massachusetts alone, more than \$135 million in energy assistance would vanish — funds that help over 200,000 households, including 13,500 individuals right here in our region assisted by Community Teamwork.

More than 60% of those receiving assistance are over 60 years of age, 38% have a disability and close to 12% have a child 5 or younger.

The justification offered — that states already protect residents from utility shut-offs — is simply wrong and shows a deep misunderstanding of the reality in many communities. In Lowell and surrounding areas, many of our clients rely on delivered fuels like oil or propane. There are no shut-off protections for these fuels. Without LIHEAP, these families have nowhere to turn when the tank runs dry during a New England winter.

Beyond the moral implications, the economic fallout would be significant. LIHEAP dollars flow directly to local fuel vendors, HVAC contractors, and utility providers — creating and sustaining jobs in our region. In 2024, Community Teamwork distributed nearly \$9 million in LIHEAP funds, bolstering dozens of local businesses in the process. This program is as much an economic engine as it is a safety net.

In short, LIHEAP:

- Helps hard-working families afford essential heating and cooling services and is a proven, results-driven initiative

- Ensures energy security, prevents utility shutoffs and protects vulnerable households, including seniors, veterans and families with young children.

- Prevents costly energy-related emergencies, making it a fiscally responsible investment that reduces the need for emergency assistance programs.

- Ensures that businesses remain stable by making sure payments go directly to local utility companies, while keeping families focused on building financial independence.

Even more troubling, the administration has also fired the entire federal LIHEAP staff as part of its larger dismantling of the Department of Health and Human Services, compounding the chaos and confusion for states and local agencies.

Similarly, CSBG plays a critical role in helping us bridge the funding gaps that inevitably arise when supporting complex human needs. It provides close to \$600,000 annually to Community Teamwork to support vital programs such as our Community Resource Center located at 17 Kirk St. and the front door to all of our programs and services.

The Resource Center provides thousands of families and individuals a holistic approach to meeting their needs each year. Without CSBG funding, our Resource Center goes away. CSBG allows us to be responsive, flexible, and innovative. It helps us meet people where they are, whether they've hit a rough patch or are working toward long-term self-sufficiency.

These are not “niche” services, as the administration claims — they are life-changing supports for people we all know: the retired veteran next door, the single mom at the bus stop, the neighbor recently laid off from work.

Our message to Congress is simple: do not let this happen. Support the programs that make a difference in real people's lives. The success of LIHEAP and CSBG is measured not just in statistics, but in stories — like the family who avoided eviction after a sudden job loss, or the senior who stayed safely in her home during a brutal winter.

We urge our community members, legislators, and fellow advocates to stand with us. The values of compassion, stability, and dignity are not partisan — they are American. And they deserve to be protected.

Carl Howell is the CEO of nonprofit Community Teamwork, Inc. in Lowell. Visit www.StandWithCommunities.org, to find out how you can help save these vital programs.

Governor announces closure of all hotel shelters

BOSTON — Governor Maura Healey is announcing that the final hotel shelters in Massachusetts are closed, months ahead of schedule. She is also formally terminating an emergency declaration she issued in August 2023, which paved the way for reforms that successfully lowered the size and cost of the state's emergency shelter system.

“When we took office, families were being placed in hotels all across the state, and families were staying in shelter for months — sometimes years — at a time. There was no plan in place to reform the shelter system to handle the surge in demand, protect taxpayer dollars or help families leave shelter. We can all agree that a hotel is no place to raise a family. So we took action,” said Governor Healey. “As a result of my reforms and our efforts to help families get jobs and stable housing, we have fewer families in shelter than the day we took office, and all hotel shelters are now closed — months ahead of schedule.

We're saving taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars and putting families on a path to self-sustainability.”

“We are deeply grateful to the frontline teams whose extraordinary work make all the difference for families,” said Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus. “The dedication of our shelter providers ensured that thousands of families had access to safe shelter and support when they needed it most. We also thank the communities and partners across the state who stepped up to help families in need.”

The Healey-Driscoll Administration inherited two dual challenges when it arrived in office in 2023: an unprecedented surge of families seeking emergency shelter and a flawed shelter system that was ill-equipped to handle such a surge. In response, Governor Healey declared a state of emergency and imposed a cap on the system at 7,500 families in 2023. If she hadn't implemented this cap, caseload was projected to have reached 13,000 families by the summer of 2024. Governor Healey also worked with the Legislature to reform the Right to Shelter law to implement a six-month length of stay limit, require proof of Massachusetts residency and require that all family members have lawful immigration status, with limited exemptions. Governor Healey also expanded workforce training and job placement for residents, increased case management to help families find stable housing, and imposed mandatory CORI checks for all adults before entry into the system.

As a result of Governor Healey's actions, case-loads and costs have decreased. The number of families in shelter is now lower than when Governor Healey took office in January 2023, and all hotel shelters closed as of Thursday. Since the start of 2025, triple the number of families have exited shelter (approximately 4,500) than have entered shelter (approximately 1,500). Approximately 85-90 percent of families seeking shelter are now longtime Massachusetts families.

Historically, Massachusetts has turned to hotels and motels to shelter homeless families when traditional shelters reach capacity. In 2014, 1,500 families were being sheltered in hotels across the state. The previous administration turned to hotels again in 2022 as the number of families seeking shelter began to dramatically increase due to the housing crisis, failed federal immigration policy, and a lack of safeguards to control the expansion of the shelter system.

In addition to hotels, the Norfolk Rapid Shelter located at the former Bay State Correctional Center and the Chelsea Rapid Shelter site have also closed. The reforms implemented by Governor Healey and the Legislature will remain in place to ensure the continued sustainability of the shelter system and protect taxpayer dollars.

Say no to the proposed Wildwood Elementary School

To the editor,

This is an open letter to Wilmington's seniors regarding the new school proposal. We know the “Yes” folks have been soliciting you hard with their misinformation and disinformation campaign. I'm here to address some of their claims, and I hope this letter finds you well.

As you know, I am a lifelong resident. I'm not a blow-in, nor am I looking to cash out and abandon my town. I have three kids in the school system, and I also have senior parents. I have quite a bit of “skin” in this game.

Unfortunately, if the Yes side wins, we the people end up with the booby prize. While you're amongst yourselves, or while you're alone, think to yourselves: what good will it do you, or your community, to vote Yes?

There is a small, progressive section of our town pushing this extravagant proposal. Literally every fact that comes out is a negative. Look at the campaign they ran: large dollar donations, beautiful push cards, professional graphic design. Do you have to be sold on a Cadillac, or do you know what you're getting when you walk into the showroom?

They are having to sell this to the public because every single facet of it is BAD. Bad for you, bad for the kids, bad for the folks wanting to move to Wilmington, and it's super bad for the businesses that are here. Why? Because it is the most expensive plan they had in front of them and they did not take into account the residents. Further, it's for only HALF THE TOWN!

I have been assured by town officials time and again that our school buildings as they currently stand are safe. We do — and did — have a major problem with the Wildwood, which, surprisingly, had been planned for back in 2017 through the Facilities Master Plan.

This plan, which is a road map created by town officials, had the Wildwood School phased out (Page 119) and a consolidation was going to happen between the Woburn Street and the

North. There was minimal cost associated with this plan; however, it took into account the fact that property taxes had risen considerably in the years prior, and it was made with the fixed- and low-income residents in mind.

The question you need to ask yourself is this: if the Wildwood School was already on the chopping block, why do we now need to build the most expensive elementary school the state has seen to date? The answer is — we don't. This small progressive group of residents saw an opportunity to spend money and they ran with it, and they're doing a marathon.

Not only did they choose the most expensive option, they put more than \$50 million worth of elements in it that the Massachusetts School Building Authority would not consider in their reimbursement calculations. In other words, the state said we didn't need those things, so they weren't paying.

Further, they avoided design elements that the MSBA would consider beneficial and that would have increased our reimbursement percentage points, with things like renewables. Instead, they are putting the entire school on the electrical grid. How was your last electric bill? But I digress.

To further the fact that there are absolutely no positives, a Yes vote on this is a vote to raise YOUR taxes as well as everyone else's. I don't think I need to point out to you that Wilmington has folks of different means.

Sure, some won't even notice the \$500-plus a year this will cost, but could you think of a better way to use your share of that money? More importantly, do you know any seniors living on a fixed income? Maybe a widow or widower living on a single income? How do they view \$500?

This effect is not only going to be felt in your property tax — it's going to go off like a bomb in the business world. Residential tax rates rise by 60 cents per thousand. Commercial rates will rise by \$1.40 per

thousand. The Yes folks have already explained off that the landlords who are responsible for property tax will eat that increase — you, fortunately, know better who will pay.

That pizza will rise, those groceries will rise, that McDonald's coffee will rise. Businesses will close up shop, and Wilmington will continue down the road of warehouses. I'm pretty sure it will also push Trader Joe's further away from coming here, as well.

There is literally no good reason to vote this in. The students are and will continue to learn in the same environments that we learned in. Remember, past generations put a man on the moon with one-room schoolhouses.

Today, only about 72 percent of our high school students can pass the MCAS — and that's with a new school! To quote another very well-known outspoken town resident, Wilmington will become building poor. We will have dished out so much money on buildings that there will be none left to attract or retain those teachers we keep hearing about leaving.

I will ask you: in your years, have you ever heard from a teacher that they left for this or that town because they did not like the building their classroom was in? I'm talking to teachers regularly, and their complaint is the pay. It's never been about the building.

Most of us in the real world live on budgets. That means we cannot just up and buy a boat or take that all-inclusive cruise. And sometimes emergencies happen — we stress ourselves about how we are going to replace that heating system in our homes or replace that car that died.

The town administration does not seem to have those

worries. We recently built a new middle school, a public safety building, and a high school. We more recently built a well-needed senior center, and as everyone has seen, we have a monstrosity of a town hall being built in the center of town. With this proposal they are asking the tax-paying public to build once again the most expensive elementary school in the state (that will only service half the town).

Further, last week they began the process of building the much-needed fire substation that will also need funding. I also hate to beat a dead horse, but the Shawshen Tech build-out is also coming, where our share should be in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

There are better, more fiscally responsible options. They chose to bring forth the building of the town hall before addressing the schools. We could have had \$40 million more to cushion this blow had they not done that, and perhaps we would not be having this conversation. You must demand accountability and vote No on this project.

To close this letter, a NO vote is not a vote against our kids. It's not a vote saying our kids don't deserve something new. A No vote strictly tells the town to go back to the drawing board and come up with a more reasonable plan — a plan that in the end won't cost the taxpayers \$281.5 million after interest.

The MSBA does not go away as they would like you to believe. We will not “lose” that money because we never got that money! We would just have to reapply with the new plan which, if done smarter than this one was, may return a higher reimbursement than we see now.

Rob Fasulo

‘I Don't Think I Can Help You’ on August Book Stew

Is there any confession spoken aloud that could be more hurtful than that one? On the August Book Stew episode, author Janice Deal returns for her third visit with host Eileen MacDougall to discuss her novel “The Blue Door.”

A mother, Flo, must create a new life for herself

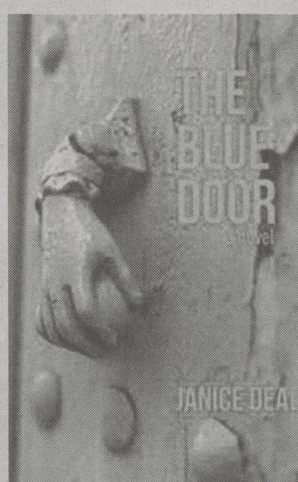
when her daughter, Teddy, 14, is responsible for the death of her high school teacher. When her car breaks down in a small Southwestern town, Flo stays on and becomes a cashier at a market, employing the same “people skills” she had previously used as a social worker.

Flo tensely awaits a first visit from Teddy, who has been released from juvenile detention, and thinks about where she might have gone wrong as a parent, as she also searches for her beloved dog who has gone missing.

Be on the lookout for our own beloved Wilmington Market Basket cashier Gayle Orlanzo in a cameo appearance!

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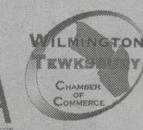
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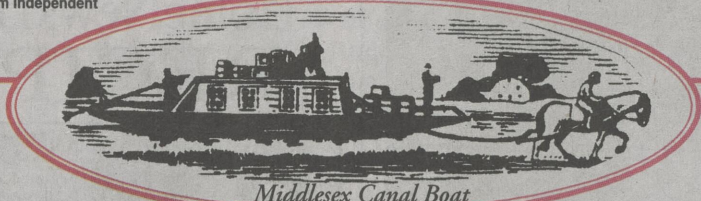
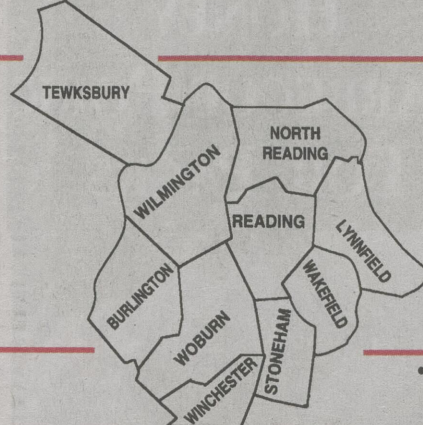
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Reading launches Phase 2 of Birch Meadow Park improvement plan

By PATRICK BLAIS

MIDDLESEX - Long-time recreation supporters in Reading can probably appreciate the popular saying that there are decades when nothing happens and weeks when decades happen. That sure seems to be the case with the community's Birch Meadow complex.

Earlier this month, town officials shuttered access to a section of the sprawling recreation area that sits just northwest of Reading Center to break ground on Phase 2 of a three-part park improvement project that town officials first began considering back in 2007, when a master plan subcommittee was established to create a long-term vision for the 24.4-acre complex.

Though scaled-down from its original version, the current \$2.14 million improvement project will focus on a tot lot and tennis/pickleball court area that sits off of Bancroft Avenue by Reading Memorial High School (RMHS) and the Rise Preschool facility.

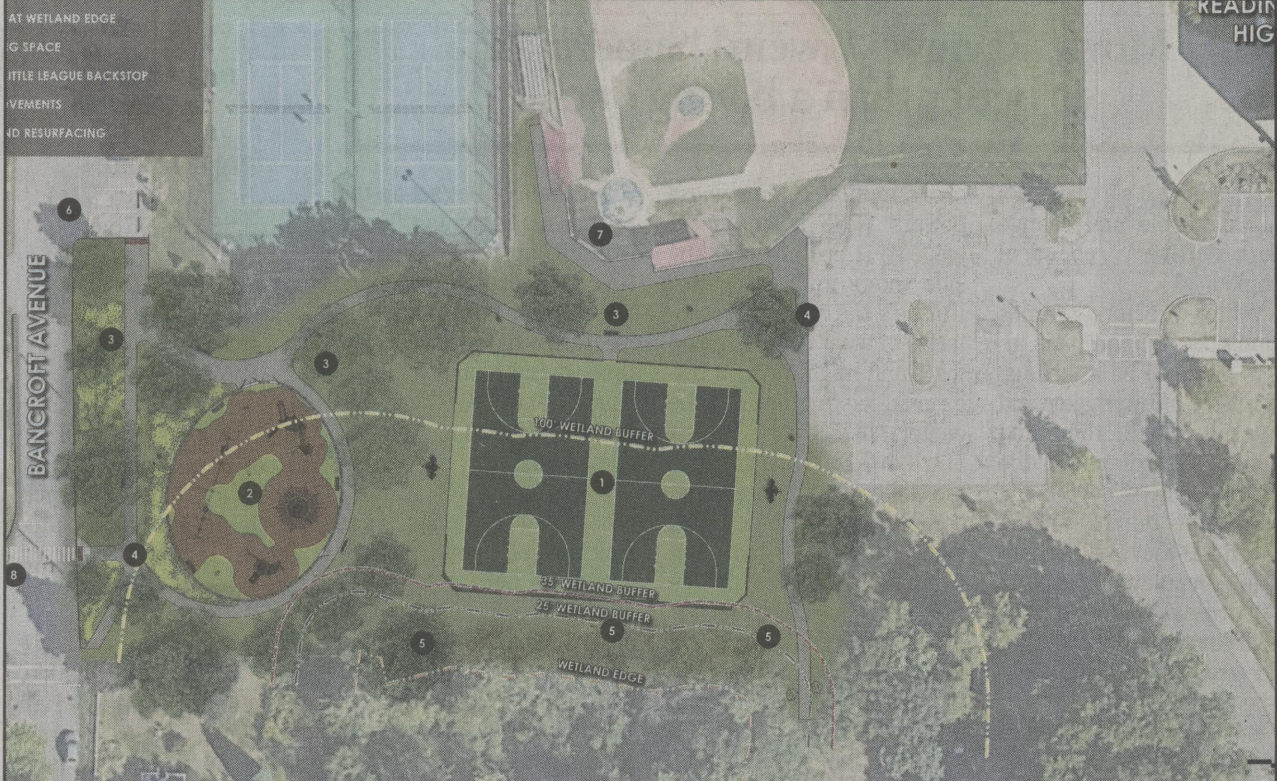
"Starting July 14, Birch Meadow Park will be temporarily closed as exciting improvements get underway. The project is expected to run into the fall, with a goal of completion by late November," town officials announced last month on social media. "Final work (like court surfacing and painting) may continue into early spring, weather permitting. The RISE Playground resurfacing will be completed before school is back in session, ensuring it's ready for students this fall."

According to Town Engineer Ryan Percival and Stephen Crisafulli, a civil engineer from project designer Activitas Inc., the old courts will be completed gutted to make way for a pair of brand new basketball courts with nighttime lighting, while the playground will be overhauled with a new rubber surface and the installation of American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant equipment.

During a minor site plan permitting process before Reading's Community Planning and Development Commission (CPDC) in April, town officials pointed out that local children, though enjoying access to multiple outdoor basketball courts, currently have no place where they can play pickup games at nighttime.

Presently, Reading also has 12 playground scattered across the community, but the Birch Meadow space is specifically designed to appeal to young children given the site's proximity to the Rise preschool space at RMHS.

"Phase 2 will consist of renovating the two [basketball] courts that we have. They will go from an asphalt to post-



Birch Meadow Park | Phase II Renovations
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tension concrete [surface] and are expected to last a lot longer," Percival explained during last spring's CPDC deliberations.

"The playground is almost an identical square footage and instead of recycled rubber mulch, it will be a pour-in-place surface. It's fenced in with access and maintenance gates...that are wide enough for DPW and maintenance workers to get in and clean out the leaves in the fall," Crisafulli later said of the tot lot upgrades.

A series of park benches will also be installed along nearby walkways, while two new parking spaces and a crosswalk will be added by Bancroft Avenue, where many visitors park to gain access to the larger parkland complex.

Town Meeting members approved funding for phase 2 of the proposed \$10-to-\$17 million Birch Meadow Park master plan back in the fall of 2023. Originally, town officials

had hoped to incorporate a series of other design elements into the second stage, but a series of proposed parking lot improvements by the preschool and along Bancroft Avenue were ultimately shelved due to funding considerations and feedback from area abutters.

"We have some original ADA parking nearby the tot lot area that will help [residents] gain access to both the basketball space [and playground]," said Crisafulli of scaled back plans to add just two spaces off of Bancroft Avenue instead of up nine or more on-street parking spots.

The original phase 2 improvements, unveiled in a 64-page master plan update unveiled by Activitas back in 2020, also proposed the construction of eight pickleball courts. However, with nearby residents worrying that new amenity

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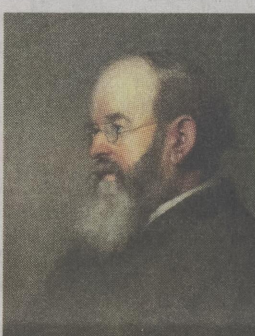
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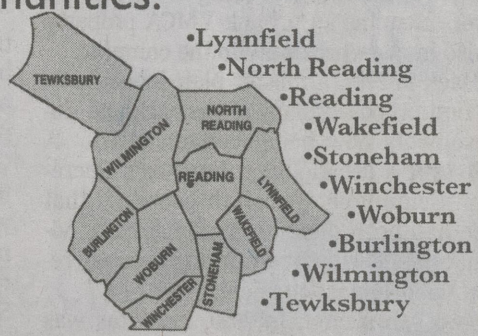
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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Movie Review: A weird 'Superman' is better than a boring one

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a ... a purple and orange shape-shifting chemical compound?

Writer-director James Gunn's "Superman" was always going to be a strange chemistry of filmmaker and material. Gunn, the mind behind "Guardians of the Galaxy" and "The Suicide Squad," has reliably drifted toward a B-movie superhero realm populated (usually over-populated) with the lesser-known freaks, oddities and grotesquerie of back-issue comics.

But you don't get more mainstream than Superman. And let's face it, unless Christopher Reeve is in the suit, the rock-jawed Man of Steel can be a bit of a bore. Much of the fun and frustration of Gunn's movie is seeing how he stretches and strains to make Superman, you know, interesting.

In the latest revamp for the archetypal superhero, Gunn does a lot to give Superman (played with an easy charm by David Corenswet) a lift. He scraps the origin story. He gives Superman a dog. And he ropes in not just expected regulars like Lois Lane (Rachel Brosnahan) and Lex Luthor (Nicholas Hoult) but some less conventional choices — none more so than that colorful jumble of elements, Metamorpho (Anthony Carrigan).

Metamorpho, a melan-

choly, mutilated man whose powers were born out of tragedy, is just one of many side shows in "Superman." But he's the most representative of what Gunn is going for. Gunn might favor a traditional-looking hero at the center, like Chris Pratt's Star-Lord in "Guardians of the Galaxy." And Corenswet, complete with hair curl, looks the part, too. But Gunn's heart is with the weirdos who soldier on.

The heavy lift of "Superman" is making the case that the perfect superhuman being with "S" on his chest is strange, too. He's a dogooder at a time when no one does good anymore.

Not everything works in "Superman." For those who like their Superman classically drawn, Gunn's film will probably seem too irreverent and messy. But for anyone who found Zack Snyder's previous administration painfully ponderous, this "Superman," at least, has a pulse.

It would be hard to find a more drastic 180 in franchise stewardship. Where Snyder's films were super-serious mythical clashes of colossuses, Gunn's "Superman" is lightly earthbound, quirky and sentimental. When this Superman flies, he even keeps his arms back, like an Olympic skeleton rider.

We begin not on Krypton or Kansas but in Antarctica, near the Fortress of Solitude.

The opening titles set-up the medias res beginning. Three centuries ago, metahumans first appeared on Earth. Three minutes ago, Superman lost a battle for the first time. Lying bloodied in the snow, he whistles and his faithful super dog, Krypto, comes running.

Like some of Gunn's other novelty gags (I'm looking at you Groot), Krypto is both a highlight and overused gag throughout. Superman is in the midst of a battle by proxy with Luthor. From atop his Luthor Corp. skyscraper headquarters, Luthor gives instructions to a team sitting before computer screens while, on a headset, barking out coded battle directions to drone-assisted henchmen. "13-B!" he shouts, like a Bingo caller.

Whether this is an ideal localizing of main characters in conflict is a debate that recedes a bit when, back in Metropolis, Clark Kent returns to the Daily Planet. There's Wendell Pierce as the editor-in-chief, Perry White, and Skyler Gisondo as Jimmy Olsen. But the character of real interest here is, of course, Lois.

She and Kent are already an item in "Superman." When alone, Lois chides him over the journalistic ethics of interviewing himself after some derring-do, and questions his flying into countries without their leaders' ap-

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Mix barbecue sauce, honey and cumin in small bowl. Place 1 pork chop, 3 pieces corn, 1/4 cup carrots and 1/2 cup potato wedges on center of each sprayed foil sheet; sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Spoon 3 tablespoons sauce mixture over pork and vegetables on each sheet.

Step 3

Fold foil over pork and

vegetables so edges meet. Seal edges, making tight 1/2-inch fold; fold again. Allow space on sides for circulation and expansion.

Step 4

Grill packets 4 to 6 inches from medium heat 15 to 20 minutes, turning once, until pork is slightly pink in center. Place packets on plates. Cut large X across top of each packet; fold back foil.

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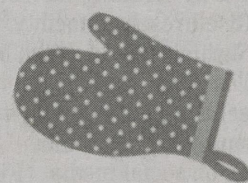
Look for the cooked potato wedges in the refrigerated section of the supermarket.

Tip 2

You can use fresh potatoes for the refrigerated ones. Cut 2 medium potatoes into wedges and place in a

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 4 pork boneless rib or loin chops, 3/4 to 1 inch thick (1 1/4 pounds)
- 2 large ears corn, each cut into 6 pieces
- 1 cup baby-cut carrots, cut lengthwise in half
- 2 cups (from 1-pound 4-ounce bag) refrigerated cooked new potato wedges
- 1 teaspoon salt



microwavable bowl. Cover and microwave on High for about 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Place potatoes in packet and grill as directed.

proval. Brosnahan slides so comfortably into the role that I wonder if "Superman" ought to have been "Lois," instead. Her scenes with Corenswet are the best in the film, and the movie loses its snap when she's not around.

That's unfortunately for a substantial amount of time. Luthor traps Superman in a pocket universe (enter Metamorpho, among others) and the eccentric members of the Justice Gang — Nathan Fillion's Green Lantern, Edi Gathegi's Mister Terrific and Isabela Merced's Hawk-girl — are called upon to lend a hand. They come begrudgingly. But if there's anyone else that comes close to stealing the movie, it's Gathegi, who meets increasingly absurd cataclysm with wry deadpan.

The fate of the world, nat-

urally, again turns iffy. There's a rift in the universe, not to mention some vaguely defined trouble in Boravia and Jarhanpur. In such scenes, Gunn's juggling act is especially uneasy and you can feel the movie lurching from one thing to another. Usually, that's Krypto's cue to fly back into the movie and run amok.

Gunn, who now presides over DC Studios with producer Peter Safran, is better with internal strife than he is international politics. Superman is often called "the Kryptonian" or "the alien" by humans, and Gunn leans into his outsider status. Not for the first time, Superman's opponents try to paint him as an untrustworthy foreigner. With a modicum of timeliness, "Superman" is an immigrant story.

Mileage will inevitably

vary when it comes to Gunn's idiosyncratic touch. He can be outlandish and sweet, often at once. In a conversation between metahumans, he will insert a donut into the scene for no real reason, and cut from a body falling through the air to an Alka-Seltzer tablet dropping into a glass. Some might call such moments glib, a not-unfair label for Gunn. But I'd say they make this pleasantly imperfect "Superman" something quite rare in the assembly line-style of superhero moviemaking today: human.

"Superman," a Warner Bros. release is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association for violence, action and language. Running time: 129 minutes. Three stars out of four.

• Park FROM B1

would create a noise nuisance, the pickleball courts were nixed about two years ago.

Back in May, pickleball enthusiasts long hunt for a place to call home came to an end when Town Meeting agreed to appropriate up to \$1.5 million towards the construction of six new courts by Reading's Burbank Ice Arena site.

Birch Meadow Park

Situated in the heart of the community, the Birch Meadow Park complex is sandwiched between Main Street and Route 129 and has long been home to a series of sports fields that sit by the high school, the Coolidge Middle School, and the Birch Meadow Elementary School.

Those athletic areas, which includes three baseball/softball diamonds and three synthetic fields by RMHS, sit by passive recreation areas like the Higgins Conservation area and sections along the Aberjona River. Reading's Burbank YMCA property is also in close proximity to the complex.

Back in 2007, a master plan subcommittee first proposed many of the parkland improvements now being contemplated. A little over a decade later, Reading's Recreation Committee, though discouraged that little had been done to implement that vision, established a new working group to review the original document.

Two years later, in 2020, Activitas was

hired to make those recommended master plan revisions and what resulted was a 64-page update that estimated some \$10-to-\$17 million in investments be made on the 24-plus acre complex.

In Sept. of 2022, the Select Board allocated a substantial \$1.5 million share of Reading's \$7.2 million in COVID-19 bailout funding towards Phase 1 of the project. Six-months later, Town Meeting supplemented that budget with an additional \$1.22 million.

The first-stage of the master plan included an overhaul of the old "Imagination Station" parking area off of Birch Meadow Drive by the Coolidge Middle School, where the gravel lot was repaved to create 55 parking spaces. Also constructed was a new recreation building with public storage and a pair of new restrooms. An outdoor pavilion for public gatherings and picnics, as well as a new lacrosse "practice wall" was also erected.

A new "walking spine" providing pedestrian connectivity between the varsity softball field and adjoining athletic fields was also created during the phase one improvements.

Phase 3 of the project, if funded, could potentially include the construction of a second walking "spine" with a lighted walking trail, new baseball field lighting, and a proposed multi-sport field by the Coolidge Middle School.

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57 Avalon Rd was sold to Dance Rt and Jessica S Dancewicz by Higgins Ft and Theodore L Higgins for \$1,581,500 on 07/14/25
5 Coolidge Rd was sold to 5 Coolidge Rd LLC by Eddy Ft and Jessica E Eddy for \$450,000 on 07/15/25
11 Copeland Ave was sold to William Sheehan and Katelyn Sheehan by Rosalyn W Westra Est and James Westra for \$1,100,000 on 07/18/25
141 Johnson Woods Dr #141 was sold to Johnson Woods Realty Corp by Paul Bongiovanni and Marie Bongiovanni for \$887,640 on 07/17/25
10 Lisa Ln was sold to Alyssa Daigle and Austin Shaughnessy by James A Martinelli and Catherine Martinelli for \$940,000 on 07/15/25
471 Lowell St was sold to Krysta Cataldo and Stephen J Rochon by John X Senier for \$605,000 on 07/18/25
97 Summer Ave was sold to Andrew Chestney and Sarah Chestney by Jessica Driscoll and Robert Driscoll for \$930,000 on 07/18/25
22 Talbot Ln #22 was sold to Joseph Dasilva and Cheryl Dasilva by Johnson Woods Realty Cor for \$1,495,000 on 07/15/25

STONEHAM

30 Albion Ave was sold to Stefanie A Bradley and John Bradley by Frank Fantasia and Jane C Fantasia for \$665,000 on 07/18/25
19 Evans Rd was sold to Stephanie Caponigro Lt and Stephanie Caponigro by Mariapia S Gentile and Carla Schlieff for \$793,000 on 07/16/25
179 Franklin St #4 was sold to William Carothers by Joshua A Riopelle for \$265,000 on 07/18/25
48 Gorham Ave was sold to Achraf Rami by Scott J Mulowney and Priscilla A Mulowney for \$650,000 on 07/18/25
100 Ledgewood Dr #519 was sold to Evan Gabovitch by Avani S Modi for \$575,000 on 07/15/25
7-9 Minot St was sold to Courtney Obrien-Codair and Joseph Codair by Gabriella Codair and Silva Rodriguez for \$625,000 on 07/18/25

TEWKSBURY

1550 Andover St was sold to Patrick Leber and Alba L Leber by Brian W Kozik and Patricia A. Kozik for \$703,500 on 07/15/25
48 Decarolis Dr #48 was sold to Carla L Mills Lt and Carla L Mills by Donna M Oneill for \$485,000 on 07/18/25
200 Emerald Ct #25 was sold to Care Communities Tewksbur by Ted 217 Northbridge Bayb for \$16,779,840 on 07/15/25
120 Jennies Way was sold to Rui Chen and Brianna Bettinelli by Alan Fishlin and Maria D Fishlin for \$875,000 on 07/15/25
64 Lake St was sold to James M Kotzuba and Nancy Kotzuba by David J Greatrix and Jill R Greatrix for \$710,000 on 07/18/25
40 Langley Ln was sold to Liwei Xu and Zhuojiong Xu by Warren E Little for \$750,000 on 07/16/25
186 Mitchell G Dr was sold to Richard Randolph and Joanna Fialli by Michelle D Mccarthy and Thomas S Mccarthy for \$940,000 on 07/16/25
451 Pleasant St was sold to Eric Wolfenden by Dirk E Anderson and Erin M Anderson for \$559,900 on 07/14/25

WAKEFIELD

212 Broadway St was sold to Carlos E Depinho and Erica A Nazareth by Paul R Stevens and Allison M Stevens for \$699,000 on 07/18/25

74 Butler Ave was sold to Christopher A Craig and Melissa Craig by Kelly M Stewart for \$920,000 on 07/15/25
40 Elm St was sold to Rasf LLC by Louise N Indelicato Lt and Louise N Indelicato for \$1,150,000 on 07/17/25
15 Eustis Ave was sold to Jeremy Lowery and Patrick Hryckiewicz by Patricia G Est Fortier and Emily M Bollen for \$840,000 on 07/18/25
62 Foundry St #308 was sold to Giuseppe Basile by Wakefield Living LLC for \$297,500 on 07/17/25
62 Foundry St #203 was sold to Joseph P Carlson by Wakefield Living LLC for \$264,300 on 07/15/25
62 Foundry St #211 was sold to Eric Grava and Ava Grava by Wakefield Living LLC for \$575,900 on 07/14/25
6 Francis Ave was sold to Caroline King and John Gillies by Roger E Scott and Julie C Scott for \$825,000 on 07/17/25
23 Hanson St was sold to John Johnson and Emilee Johnson by Mary Bushee for \$900,000 on 07/16/25
40 Harrison Ave was sold to Aleya Giardinella and Christopher Nappi by Michael J Giguere for \$925,000 on 07/16/25
68 Harrison Ave was sold to Thomas J Macone by Mesheehy Irt and Laura Brogna for \$600,000 on 07/15/25
383 Vernon St was sold to Nicole Mayone and John Costello by Michael R Warchol for \$755,000 on 07/15/25
25 Wiley St was sold to Liam Crowley and Kristin Lafratta by James F Orsini and Linda J Orsini for \$665,000 on 07/16/25
12 Willow St was sold to Michael A Cote and Catherine P Cote by James Malacaso and Monique Malacaso for \$740,000 on 07/17/25

WILMINGTON

6 2nd Ave was sold to Kaitlyn M Beaumont and Christopher J Haylon by Scott A Julewitz and Rachel A Julewitz for \$780,000 on 07/16/25
4 Cleveland Ave was sold to Katlin Lind and Jonathan L Morales by Heather J Moore for \$500,000 on 07/16/25
4 Dadant Dr was sold to David T Yahoodik and Erin Yahoodik by David E Cook and Monique V Cook for \$990,000 on 07/14/25
21 Forest St was sold to Ashley M Baker and Victoria C McCormick by Michael C Vecchione and Emily C Vecchione for \$730,000 on 07/18/25
54 Forest St was sold to Alexander J Pimentel and Dayva M Briand by Wallace F De Oliveira and Keyla N De Oliveira for \$750,000 on 07/17/25
55 Glen Rd was sold to Ryan Parker and Abigail Parker by Ryan Joint RET and Kenneth A Richards for \$750,000 on 07/17/25
12 Green Meadow Dr was sold to Scott Julewitz and Rachel Julewitz by Christopher Gaffey and Renee Lacascia-Gaffey for \$1,385,000 on 07/17/25
7 Harold Ave was sold to Ian G Kinnon and Erica I Newcomer by Sharon M Alosco 2022 T and Sharon M Alosco for \$960,000 on 07/16/25
11 Harris St was sold to Lisa Brabant and David Brabant by Sweet Ft Of 2010 and Elizabeth A Sweet for \$680,000 on 07/16/25
19 Marcus Rd was sold to Amanda T Avarro by Phyllis P Genetti Est and Jeremy Barrett for \$642,000 on 07/15/25
10 Middlesex Ave #19 was sold to Jessica S Hassy by Sean Fitzgerald for \$735,000 on 07/16/25
1 Westdale Ave was sold to Hendry Hernandez by Rmbl LLC for \$630,000 on 07/16/25

WINCHESTER

25 Canterbury Rd was sold to Scott F Campbell and Nicole Campbell by Frederick D Greene RET and Alan D Greene for \$1,280,000 on 07/15/25
7 Conant Rd #23 was sold to Trevor R Moylan by Deepa Balasundaram and Karthikeyan R Dharman for \$680,000 on 07/17/25
4 Fairfield Pl was sold to Ling Zheng and Gao S Chen by

Justine H Thompson for \$2,200,000 on 07/14/25
18 Fletcher St #20 was sold to Justine H Thompson by Gl Real Estate LLC for \$1,400,000 on 07/14/25
6 Francis Circuit #6 was sold to Rachael L Morgan and Michael L Wilhelm by Isabel Hilda Est Pelloux and Marc R Pelloux for \$950,000 on 07/17/25
17 Harrison St was sold to Kelly S Cunningham and Mitchell Cunningham by Paul J Coakley and Louise M Coakley for \$2,500,000 on 07/14/25
18 Hemingway St was sold to Miu C Lo and Chi-Yeung Chau by Dequan Tian and Xiaoming Bi for \$1,280,000 on 07/16/25
19 Sussex Rd was sold to Anna F Miao and Xuan Wang by Robert E Keane Jr and GERALYN Keane for \$2,160,000 on 07/14/25
200 Swanton St #T24 was sold to Shiva Barton by First Bay Realty LLC for \$380,000 on 07/18/25
7 Wainwright Rd #13 was sold to Regan Winchester T and Christy L Regan by Steven Tucci for \$1,551,000 on 07/15/25
8 Ware Rd was sold to Chengfei He and Yaqi Wu by John R Corf 1993 RET and Michael J Corf for \$1,226,000 on 07/15/25
540-542 Washington St was sold to 540 Washington LLC by Kamaone LLC for \$1,120,000 on 07/18/25
48 Winford Way was sold to Michael Montuori and Gregory Koday by Brenda L Russo T and Brenda L Russo for \$1,115,000 on 07/15/25

WOBURN

11 Beach St was sold to Sharyn Beaver and John Beaver by Michael J Farr and Callahan C Mcguinness for \$930,000 on 07/15/25
14 Buttarro Rd was sold to Jamie Bentley and Michael J Bentley by Jeanne M Marashio Est and Paul E Marashio for \$615,000 on 07/15/25
101 Eastern Ave was sold to Andrew Sipperley by Gregory R Burns for \$756,500 on 07/17/25
116 Green St was sold to Seamus Obrien and Kayla Walsh-Obrien by Judith A Carvalho and Karen A Cole for \$600,000 on 07/17/25
150 Green St was sold to Johnathan A Martin by Dylan A Cedrone for \$305,750 on 07/17/25
6 Jessica Dr was sold to Ke Yang and Jie Zhu by Michael S Centrella for \$1,080,000 on 07/14/25
555 Main St #4 was sold to Julia B Burrell by Edward Ray Klebe Est and Skott C Klebe for \$725,000 on 07/17/25
35 Prospect St #313 was sold to Min K Koo by Eric J Antunes for \$308,000 on 07/18/25
35 Prospect St #109 was sold to Paul Francis Dev Grp LLC by Charles Spencer and Sandra Spencer for \$245,000 on 07/18/25
9 Robert Ave was sold to Richard Chase 3rd and Nicole Chase by 9 Robert Ave LLC for \$1,600,000 on 07/16/25
22 Rumford Park Ave was sold to Andrew Tuminelli and Samantha Dimauro by James F Gonsalves and Katelyn Gonsalves for \$645,000 on 07/17/25
9 Sheila Ave was sold to Katelyn M Gonsalves and James F Gonsalves Jr by Carole E Chamberlain Est and Carolyn A Thompson for \$800,000 on 07/17/25
6 Stratton Dr #305 was sold to Katia Deliza by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$299,300 on 07/17/25
6 Stratton Dr #411 was sold to Keith R Kluender and Andrea F Kluender by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$879,999 on 07/15/25
19 Van Norden Rd was sold to Shobana Gunasekaran by Deborah A Cogan for \$755,000 on 07/15/25
3 Westview Ter was sold to Gregory R Burns and Meaghan Burns by Melissa Dimauro and Michael J Dimauro for \$875,000 on 07/17/25
65 Wyman St was sold to Shivam Gautam and Charu Gautam by Ruth Young Lt and Ruth C Young for \$965,000 on 07/18/25

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Tewksbury Police Log

Wilmington resident arrested for OUI liquor after crash

Monday, July 28

5:17 a.m. - Passerby reported a car parked with lights on, not occupied facing the woods at Whipple Road and Chandler Street. Police sent. John Metcalf, 21, of 72 Parlment Park in North Billerica, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor and unregistered motor vehicle.

1:07 p.m. - A 911 caller reported two males fist fighting in the roadway at Sullivan Park Way and Shawsheen Street. Police sent. Both male parties were just wrestling. All units cleared.

6:39 p.m. - A 911 call for a dispute over vehicle payments at Public Health Museum and DMH. Police sent. There was a miscommunication over paperwork. Police assisted the parties.

6:53 p.m. - Caller reported children on the floor at a Whipple Road apartment were making too much noise, jumping, and things were falling in his apartment. Police sent. Officer spoke with all parties. The upstairs neighbor

had small children that were running around. She would try and keep them quiet.

Tuesday, July 29

4:25 p.m. - Caller reported a black van had been parked in a visitor spot for over a week at Patrick Road. Caller was concerned the vehicle was stolen. Police sent. They reported vehicle was legally parked and not out as stolen.

4:34 p.m. - Caller reported a low hanging wire at Alabama Road. Police sent. The wire had a cable wire and homeowner to call Comcast. Wire wasn't a hazard at this time.

5:12 p.m. - Caller reported a shoplifter at Marshall's. Police sent. Ella Bergeron, 20, of 31 Bear Hill Road in Newton, was arrested and charged with three counts of possession class E drugs, larceny under \$1,200, vandalize property, and section 18.

10:06 p.m. - Caller reported a red Jeep wrangler drove off the road, then turned around driving toward Lowell at An-

dover Street and Longmeadow Road. Police sent and checked the area. Lowell was notified, but gone on arrival.

Wednesday, July 30

11:20 a.m. - Caller reported there were people filming at the end of the roadway standing around who appeared to be getting in the middle of the roadway at Preservation Lane. Caller was not home but his wife would be. Caller stated he was checked with the board there and nobody knew about it. Police sent. He spoke with the crew and advised them they were not permitted to film on private property with out permission. They were leaving for the day.

2:43 p.m. - Caller reported she was being scammed at Katie Way. Caller had sent the person \$300 and changed it over to Bitcoin. Caller stated the person requested \$500 in cash and roughly \$2,500 total and was told the guy would pick it up. Potential scammer was supposed to pick up the money at their address. She was currently talking to him via text.

Police sent. Officer filed a report.

3:22 p.m. - Caller reported he received a call from delivery person and was told he had to leave the items at front door and needed security code on the 23rd at East Street. Caller reported the amount was about \$50. Caller would like to speak to an officer. Police sent. The items were items that the patient could not have. Security was aware of the incident.

3:28 p.m. - Call from the staff at Blaire House reported a PT attacked another PT. All parties were separated. Police sent. They advised all parties that they were spoken to. Officer filed a report.

8:37 p.m. - State hospital police department calls over radio for unwanted male party at East Street. Police sent. Alec St Laurent, 33, of 25 Mount Ida Road in Dorchester, was arrested and charged with a warrant for larceny under \$1,200.

Thursday, July 31

6:38 a.m. - Caller reported a truck was being loud while delivering food at Marshall Street. Police sent. The truck was currently off. Police spoke with the driver. Driver was made aware and was speaking with his supervisor/Mexica staff to come up with a later scheduled.

8:30 a.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver at Ocean State Job Lot heading southbound on Main Street. Caller reported it was a truck with poles sticking out the back before disconnecting. Police sent. Officer checked the area, but unable to locate.

Friday, August 1

2:31 p.m. - Caller reported men in a white box truck dropping off washing machines at Forest Avenue. Caller then reported men returned with a blue pickup truck and took the washing machines, and then left the scene. Caller believed they were stolen machines. Police sent. They confirmed no crime had been committed. Police spoke with the homeowner as well as Home Depot Loss Prevention.

4:47 p.m. - Lowell Transportation called regarding a disturbance on the bus in Walmart parking lot. The caller advised the unruly passenger left the bus. Officer filed a report.

7:14 p.m. - Police sent at Papa Ginos North for a vehicle with heavy front end damage travelling at a high rate of speed. Christopher Demartinis, 28, of 203 Lowell St. in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, leaving the scene of property damage, possess open container of alcohol

in motor vehicle, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

Saturday, August 2

12:12 p.m. - The female was cut off in line to get gas at A.L. Prime. Police spoke with the walk-in party and she was upset because someone had cut her off in line and did not say they were sorry. Advice was given.

9:41 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a female party caused a disturbance in the lobby of Hilton Garden Inn. White female party wore a blue t-shirt and jeans shorts. Female party was leaving in a white Jeep. Police sent. Female had been issued a notice of trespass. Officer filed a report.

Sunday, August 3

2:58 a.m. - Caller stated car pulled in and out of parking lot and he thought it was suspicious at Home Depot. Police sent. Vehicles cleared out and had left the area.

5:31 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a female in the drive thru was refusing to leave over incorrect change at Burger King. Police sent. They confirmed that the female party was trespassed from the property. Officer filed a report.



Wilmington Police Log

School bus at Ristuccia Arena reportedly damaged

Friday, July 25:

2:30 a.m.: Alziliando Martins de Abreu of 179 Robertson St., in Quincy, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, not having a valid inspection sticker, and a number plate violation. This followed a stop of his black 2012 Ford F150 on Lowell Street.

9:38 a.m.: A walk-in party from Lume Apartments on Main Street reported several stolen packages over the past few months.

12:10 p.m.: A caller on Ballardvale Street reported someone had damaged their front door with a BB gun; upon police arrival, it was found that the damage was actually caused by a landscaper's weed whacker.

Saturday, July 26:

2:03 a.m.: Evan John Long of 59 Church St., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his black 2008 BMW 335 near the Congregational Church on Middlesex Avenue.

3:10 p.m.: A customer leaving the Savers on Main Street reported an argu-

ment between an employee and a customer, with the employee accusing the customer of stealing, and the customer threatening to hit the employee. The employee was found to have mistaken the customer as shoplifting, and the manager apologized and resolved the argument.

7:02 p.m.: A caller at the Casa Blanca on Main Street reported someone leaving without paying, with the customer in question telling the bartender they'd be right back before leaving in a white Nissan Murano. Police reviewed security camera footage.

Sunday, July 27:

8:42 a.m.: A caller on Lawrence Street reported that a "slow" sign attached to a pole in front of her house had been vandalized.

12:34 p.m.: A black 2019 Audi A5 and a gray 2010 Acura TSX were involved in a motor vehicle accident on the Rt. 62 highway. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported.

Monday, July 28:

12:19 a.m.: Thomas H Ford of 15 Maple Road, in North Reading, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to stop/yield, and a marked lanes violation. This fol-

lowed a stop of his white 2018 Ford F150 near the Bank of America on Main Street.

12:41 p.m.: A black 2017 Mitsubishi Lancer and a red 2015 Mitsubishi Outsport were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Salem Street. Everyone involved declined medical attention.

5:59 p.m.: An NRT employee at Ristuccia Arena reported that it appeared school bus W-13 had been vandalized. Ristuccia Arena would deliver camera footage the next day.

Tuesday, July 29:

4:21 p.m.: A black 2013 Honda CR-V, a red 2017 Jeep Cherokee, and a gray 2010 Toyota FJ Cruiser were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Salem Street. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported.

4:37 p.m.: A caller at McKinnon's on Lowell Street reported that he had been assaulted by another customer after a verbal disagreement; the caller stated the man was 6'5" and about 300 lbs, and that he left after the altercation. Police were unable to find the suspect, and would follow up with McKinnon's the next day to see if they could identify the suspect.

Wednesday, July 30:

4:24 a.m.: A caller on Burlington Avenue reported that her sister-in-law visiting from Atlanta had

gone to a dinner at the Roof Top in Cambridge in an Uber around 4:30 p.m., and still hadn't returned despite the fact that she was supposed to be home around midnight. The caller also tried contacting her, but didn't get a response. The sister-in-law was found to be fine and heading to a friend's house.

1:58 p.m.: A white 2017 Nissan Maxima and a white 2021 Chevy Tahoe were involved in a minor motor vehicle accident near the Cumberland Farms on Main Street. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported.

Thursday, July 31:

9:01 a.m.: A caller on Carter Lane reported that sometime overnight a vehicle caused damage to their lawn and their neighbor's property, with a car bumper left at the scene. Police also saw damage to

a nearby pole. Neighbors reported hearing drag racing, and a loud bang at about 8 p.m. the night before, but police were unable to obtain camera footage.

2:04 p.m.: A caller on Salem Street reported that someone used their lost or stolen credit card.

3 p.m.: A caller reported that his wife was in a motor vehicle accident involving a gray 2007 Toyota Camry and a white 2020 Volkswagen Jetta on the I-93 NB highway, where she had hit her head. One of the vehicles rear-ended the other, which caused them to rear-end someone else. The operators of the Camry and Jetta exchanged insurance paperwork, but the driver of the third car stated that "he did not want to get arrested" and left the scene.

Students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute complete intensive capstone research projects

WORCESTER — Almost 1,200 undergraduate students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) completed a senior capstone thesis that is required of all graduating seniors as part of the university's distinctive project-based educational experience. Known as Major Qualifying Projects (MQP), these are professional-level research experiences in the students' fields of study that challenge students to solve the kind of problem they would typically encounter in their professional discipline.

"It's inspiring to see the creativity and skills that our students bring to these hands-on projects, as well as the professionalism with which they present their research," says Arne Gericke, interim dean of undergraduate studies and director of the Office of Undergraduate Research. "Their experience managing a major project like this—including identifying a problem and researching all of the implications and possible solutions while also managing team dynamics over an extended period of several months—sets them up well for success not only in their first jobs after graduation but throughout their careers."

WPI's innovative undergraduate education is

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MQPs are usually team-based and often focus on specific issues or needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to sponsor the students' work. In addition to providing practical work experience that proves valuable to future employers, MQPs often lead to publications in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at regional and national conferences, patents, and entrepreneurial ventures. Others become useful innovations and products for their corporate sponsors.

The following students completed an MQP:

- Ryan Forcina from Wilmington, majoring in Biomedical Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "A wound healing patch incorporating tissue derived ECM"
- Justin Healey from

Wilmington, majoring in Computer Science, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Mapping Global China: Visualization Design and Development"

- Rose Strobel from Tewksbury, majoring in Computer Science, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Quilt Designer: PL Technologies for Creativity Support"

- Ethan Camplese from Tewksbury, majoring in Architectural Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Repurposing an Abandoned Mining Quarry into a Concert Hall"

- Michael Duggan from Tewksbury, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "AI-Powered 3D Facial Generation for Robotic Interfaces"

- Adrianna Niles from Tewksbury, majoring in Biomedical Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "AquaTherm: Advancing Core Temp Control in Surgery"

- Thomas Branchaud from Tewksbury, majoring in Computer Science and Interactive Media and Game Development - Technology, class of 2025, completed a project titled "TerraForma"

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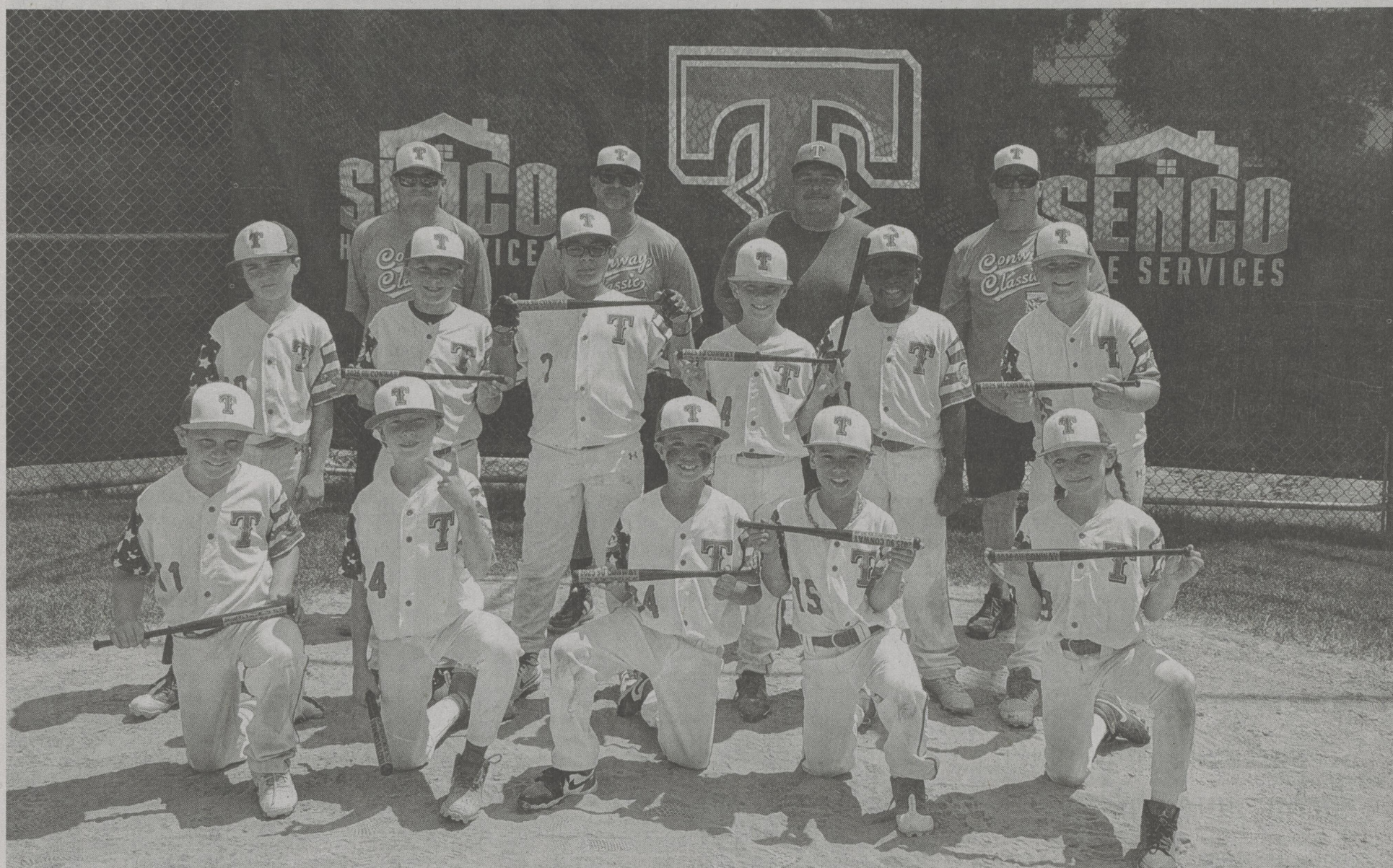
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Tewksbury cleans up at Conway Classic

Redmen have two champs and one finalist at annual tournament

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The Tewksbury 9U District team didn't leave any doubt on its way to some hardware at the Conway Classic.

Winners in all three pool play contests — outscoring the opposition by a combined margin of 50-17 — the Redmen romped to the playoffs while holding the top seed and never looked back.

Tewksbury downed Merrimac, 17-3, before defeating Hudson, N.H., 11-1, in the finals.

In pool play, Tewksbury rattled off wins over Hudson (13-9), Merrimac (22-3) and Reading (15-5).

The Redmen formulated a complete-game effort in the championship, with contributions up and down the lineup.

In the 11-1 win, Zack Cheslofska opened the scoring for Tewksbury with an RBI single before Kareem Fahfoui's double plated another Tewksbury run. The Redmen posted 13 hits in the victory.

And after William Banderas walked in the sec-

ond, opening the door for a Dominic Capasso RBI, Tewksbury added to its early cushion by taking a 4-0 lead.

But it was the third inning where Tewksbury left its mark, tallying five runs. Fahfoui and Zach Taylor highlighted the flurry with RBI singles.

Collecting multiple hits on the day were Fahfoui, Cheslofska, Sebastian Desrosiers, Taylor and Rametta. William Banderas demonstrated his speed on the base path, swiping a pair of bases.

Meanwhile, Hudson didn't have an answer against Tewksbury's pitching staff.

Cheslofska started the game on the bump for the Redmen, allowing only one run through two innings, while amassing four strikeouts. It set the table for Fahfoui (1 IP, three strikeouts) and Barrett Rametta (1 IP, 0 runs) in relief.

Tewksbury's roster included Kareem Fahfoui, Scarlett Quinlan, Scott Capaldo, Sebastian Desrosiers, William Banderas, Zach Taylor, Zack Cheslofska, Barrett Rametta, Connor Wright, Dominic Capasso and Drew Goldstein. The

Redmen are coached by Michael Rametta, Matt Taylor and Shawn Quinlan.

8U TEAM CAPTURES CROWN

Tewksbury's 8U team flexed its muscles en route to a Conway Classic championship.

Though Tewksbury suffered a narrow 9-8 loss to Reading in pool play, the Redmen picked up dominant wins over Dracut (18-3) and Salem, N.H., (11-1) to net a 2-1 record and earn the No. 2 seed in Pool B.

In the playoffs, Tewksbury completed victories over Georgetown (11-1) and Salem, N.H., (13-8) before defeating Reading (15-6) in the title match.

In the win against Reading, the Redmen avenged its loss in pool play to the Rockets when it mattered the most.

Lucas Robertson opened the scoring for Tewksbury in the first frame, notching a fielder's choice RBI before Reading ultimately knotted the score in the bottom half.

Robertson also earned the win on the bump, toss-

ing 1.2 innings and posting four strikeouts. Henry Magary and Colton Wagstaff also appeared on the mound for Tewksbury.

Robertson then picked up another RBI in the third to tie the game at 3-3.

Tewksbury mounted a sizable lead in the fourth and never looked back, plating five runs to take a 7-2 advantage.

Walker Anderson's two-run single highlighted the salvo, who had two hits in the contest.

But Tewksbury's offense wasn't done yet, scoring another five runs in the fifth frame.

Nolan Heffernan, Bryce Ohara, Grayson Colbert, Wagstaff and Anderson all picked up RBI in the effort. Mason Veits drew an impressive four walks.

Tewksbury's roster includes Bryce Ohara, Grayson Colbert, Walker Anderson, Brady Daigneault, Colton Wagstaff, Connor Hourihan, Henry Magary, Lucas Robertson, Luke Leo, Mason Veits, Nolan Heffernan, Troy Comeau and Yusef Fahfoui. The Redmen are coached by Brad Wagstaff and Shawn Anderson.

11U FALL IN CHAMPIONSHIP THRILLER

In an 11-inning marathon, Tewksbury's 11U team came up oh so close in the finals in a 3-2 loss to Methuen.

That's nearly two full games, as each complete contest is set to last six innings.

Tewksbury picked up wins over Pentucket (25-0), Hudson, N.H. (11-3), and Reading (5-3) in pool play. Its only loss came to the Rangers (11-6), as Tewksbury entered the playoff bracket as the No. 2 seed with a 3-1 record.

After beating Pentucket (15-1) and Reading (4-0) in the playoffs, a rematch with Methuen was set for the trophy.

The Rangers opened the scoring in the bottom of the first, but Logan Dingivan singled to knot the game at 1-1 in the third. In the home half of the frame, Methuen answered to retake a one-run advantage.

Eyeing an 0-2 count, Connor Bresnahan laced a single down the left field line to again tie the game in the fourth. That's when the

two sides reached a deadlock.

The next six frames would be scoreless as a result of masterful pitching from both teams. After Jack Magary started the game for Tewksbury — tossing 2.1 innings and striking out three batters — Sam Trowbridge pitched 5.2 clean innings to keep Tewksbury's shot at the title alive. Trowbridge totaled a whopping nine strikeouts and scattered just four hits.

But something eventually had to give, and Methuen ultimately mustered a run across home plate in the bottom of the 11th to seal the game.

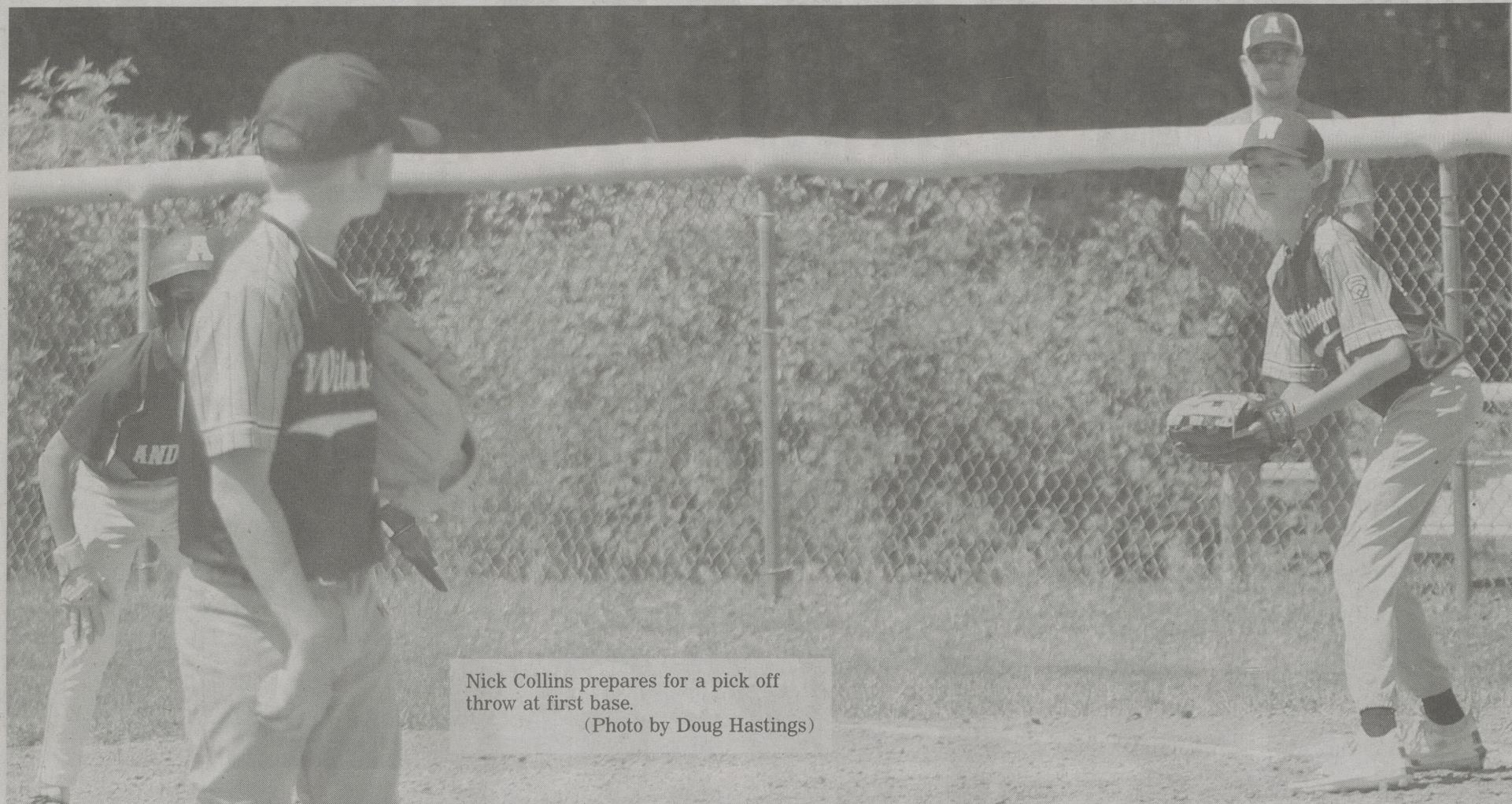
Posting multiple hits in the game for Tewksbury was Logan Dingivan, Mike Kippenberger and Brody Augustyniak, as Andrew LaMarche, Trowbridge, Owen Brett, Bresnahan and Sebastian Foley had hits. The Redmen were rounded out by Matthew Lanterman — who drew a walk in the contest — Joshua Baker, and Darrell Robertson.

The team is coached by Steve Powers, Liam Brett and Jim Trowbridge.



▲ Tewksbury's 8U (above) and 9U (top) baseball teams won championships at the recent Conway Classic in Tewksbury.

(Courtesy photos)



Nick Collins prepares for a pick off throw at first base.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Wilmington completes the journey

Wildcats finish second half undefeated, bring home hardware

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Wilmington won the championship for the Bay State League's Pacific Division on Saturday in Billerica, defeating Andover and Stow in back-to-back games to bring home the trophies.

After an 11-0 record over the second half of the season, the Wildcats completed the perfect run with two more wins.

The team was managed by Joseph Langone along with assistant coaches Jim Russell, Jason Riley and John Callahan.

Team members include John Boland, Bryce Callahan, Nicholas Collins, Owen Daly, Luca DiCenso, Blake Kelleher, Joshua King, CJ Lamarche, Joseph Langone, Jack Quinn, Declan Riley, Jake Russell, Zachary Stroud and Aiden Sullivan.

Wilmington's win over Andover was over early.

Joe Langone led off with a double and scored on a

single by Jake Russell.

After Declan Riley walked, an error on a fly ball by Luca DiCenso scored Russell to make it 2-0.

A base hit by starting pitcher Zach Stroud scored Riley and Owen Daly drew a walk to load the bases.

Jack Quinn's RBI single plated DiCenso for a 4-0 lead.

In the second, Russell singled with one out and stole second. After DiCenso walked, Stroud scored both runners with a single to right. Nick Collins nearly added to the lead, but his line drive was caught.

Stroud was solid on the mound.

In the second, after a leadoff double by Andover, Stroud struck out the next three batters.

In the first, the Wildcat defense came through.

With a runner on third and one out, Stroud got the next batter to pop out to DiCenso at shortstop before Nick Collins caught a line drive to first to end the inning.



▲ Jake Russell slides safely into second base.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)



◀ Zach Stroud throws a pitch for the Wildcats.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

▼ John Boland prepares for an at-bat.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)



▲ Jack Quinn makes a throw from the outfield.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Redmen Red 12U softball falls just short in Tanner Pride final

The Redmen Red 12U softball team made an exciting run in the Tanner Pride softball tournament over the weekend, finishing in second place after staying undefeated until the final game when they fell to the Salem Blue Devils, 4-0.

The team relied on the outstanding pitching of Avery Comeau, who started all six games for the Redmen, tallying 55 strikeouts in 27 innings pitched while only allowing 12 runs.

The Redmen started the tournament on Friday night playing to a 5-5 tie in a back-and-forth game against the Blackstone Valley Venom.

Trailing 4-2 in the top of the sixth inning, Abby Lane and Gia DeGregorio were able to reach base to start the inning when Shannon Simonds ripped a clutch single into right field to tie the game at 4.

The Redmen would take the lead a few batters later after Paisley Geary was hit with a pitch and Sallie Rustin reached on a bunt single to load the bases and then Lily Brennan walked to give the Redmen a 5-4 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Venom were able to tie the game on a two-out single before Avery Comeau was able to strikeout the final batter to end the game in a tie.

In the first game on Saturday the Redmen bats came alive on their way to 19-1 victory over Lexington Liberty.

Rachel Ientile got the scoring started in the second inning with a bases loaded double to give the Redmen an early 3-0 lead and later came home on an Angelina Cormier groundout to increase the lead to 4-0.

After a quiet third inning, the Redmen exploded for 15 runs in the fourth which was highlighted by an Avery Comeau bases loaded triple, a pair of Abby Lane RBI singles and



▲ The Redmen included (centered in front) Avery Comeau; (first row, from left) Rachel Ientile, Abby Lane, Gia DeGregorio, Victoria MacIsaac, Paisley Geary; (Second row) Sallie Rustin, Olivia Lafreniere, Shannon Simonds, Lily Brennan, Angelina Cormier. (Courtesy photo)

two-run singles by both Olivia Lafreniere and Shannon Simonds.

On the mound, Avery Comeau (9K's in 3 innings) and Angelina Cormier combined for a four-inning, no-hitter before the game was called.

In the second game on Saturday the Redmen defeated the Grafton Diamonds, 4-2, behind a stellar defensive effort and six innings of relief pitching from Angelina Cormier, who scattered four hits over six innings while allowing two runs.

After a slow offensive

start and trailing 2-0 in the bottom of the fourth inning, the Redmen were finally able to break through after Abby Lane scored on a Gia DeGregorio single and would then take the lead later in the inning on a Paisley Geary two-run single.

The Redmen headed into the elimination round on Sunday as the No. 2 seed after posting the 2-0-1 record in the pooling round.

Sunday started with a 12-0 victory over Shock Fastpitch behind a 10-strikeout, one-hit, shutout performance by Comeau in

the four-inning game.

The Redmen opened the scoring in the first after Abby Lane doubled and later scored on a passed ball.

In the second inning, the Redmen bats really came alive highlighted by an Avery Comeau three-run triple, a Shannon Simonds two-run double and a Victoria MacIsaac two-run single.

Next up was the semifinal game which was a rematch with the Friday night opponent — Blackstone Valley Venom.

Once again Avery Co-

meau was dominant on the mound, striking out 12 and only allowing three hits while leading the Redmen to a 3-2 victory.

The Redmen opened the scoring in the first after Paisley Geary delivered a two-out, two-run single to give the Redmen an early 2-0 lead.

Redmen would add to the lead in the third after Avery Comeau scored on a passed ball to make it 3-0.

The score would remain at 3-0 until the sixth inning when Venom was able to rally for a pair of runs to

close the gap to 3-2 before Comeau was able to deliver a strikeout with runners at second and third to end the inning.

After a scoreless bottom of the sixth, Venom made one final push to steal the game.

Once again Comeau was able to buckle down and retire the final two batters via the strikeout with runners at second and third to end the game and push the Redmen team into the finals.

In the final game, the Redmen would face the Salem Blue Devils and once again send Avery Comeau to the mound.

After falling behind 1-0 in the top of the first, the Redmen put runners at first and second with one out but could not get the timely hit. Heading into the bottom of the fourth inning down 2-0, Redmen attempted a two-out rally following a Paisley Geary single, a Victoria MacIsaac walk and a Sallie Rustin single to load the bases, but the Blue Devils pitcher was able to deliver a big strikeout to work out of the jam.

The Redmen had one last gasp in the fifth inning when Lily Brennan delivered a pinch hit double followed by an Abby Lane walk to put runners at first and second with two outs. But once again the Blue Devils pitcher was able to deliver an inning ending strikeout to shut the door.

The Blue Devils would add two runs in the top of the sixth to extend the lead to 4-0 which would be the final score.

Despite a valiant effort from Comeau pitching in her third consecutive game of the day, the Blue Devils were able to piece together four runs on aggressive base running and timely hits to secure the victory.

Comeau would allow four runs on five hits in the loss while the Redmen offense could not find the timely hit when needed.

Eagles blow out Destroyers

Lawrence-based team improves to 4-3 with lopsided victory

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The Mill City Eagles earned a 32-0 victory over the Granite State Destroyers in their Week 7 game, improving to 4-3 overall.

The Eagles were led by quarterback Calvin Boudreau, who was 12 of 15 for 224 passing yards, three passing touchdowns and 50 rushing yards.

Running back Mike Bethune had 10 carries for 109 yards, two rushing scores, two receptions for 98 yards and a touchdown.

Wideout Josiah Martinez had four receptions for 83 yards and Tyler Saunders had five catches for 46 yards.

Receiver Ryan Walker had two receptions for 15 yards and a score and tight end Bryan Warren had a touchdown catch.

Mill City has three games

left in its season.

On Aug. 9, the Eagles hit the road to play the Middleborough Cobras before a trip to Roxbury for a Aug. 16 game with the Boston Bandits.

Mill City wraps up the regular season on Aug. 23 with a home game against the undefeated New England Bombers at 7 p.m.

On Saturday against the Destroyers, Mill City took a 6-0 lead when Boudreau hit Walker with a 6-yard scoring toss.

A 6-yard touchdown run by Bethune made it 12-0 before Boudreau hit Warren with a 1-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter. Zack Cook's extra point pushed the lead to 19-0.

In the third quarter, Bethune caught a 62-yard touchdown pass from Boudreau and Bethune finished the scoring with a 42-yard touchdown run.



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The Wilmington Tennis Open is coming

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Starting on Aug. 9 with a rain date of Aug. 10, the event will be held at the Wilmington High School and Boutwell School courts.

- The cost is \$30 for Girls and Boys Singles and \$40 for Women's, Men's & Mixed Doubles
- Players can register for up to two draws.
- All levels welcome.
- Send registration info

to Friends of Wilmington Tennis at friendswtennis@gmail.com

2025 LEXINGTON TENNIS DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

The Lexington Tennis Doubles Championship will be Thursday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 21.

If you are new to the tournament, played it last year, or didn't get a chance to play, the goal of the LTDC is to engage tennis players of all levels and abilities in friend-

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The LTDC will take place at the beautiful Gallagher Tennis Courts (near Lexington HS) and take advantage of the LED court lighting by beginning first round matches (depending on the size of each draw) late afternoon/evening on Thursday, September 18 and

late afternoon/evening Friday, September 19.

For draws with fewer participants, first round matches may begin over the weekend.

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- A Level: 4.0 - 4.5 USTA / 5.0 - 7.0 UTR
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Fees:

Doubles Team \$80 (\$40/person) cash on site at the start of the tournament or venmo/paypal (net proceeds to benefit Lexington Recreation Dept.)

Proceeds from LTDC will benefit the Lexington Recreation Department.

Email: jeffsemonma@gmail.com for any questions or to sign up, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/lexingtontennisdoubles/home>.

JAWS RETURNS TO THE THEATER THIS LABOR DAY

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Of all the sounds associated with frolicking in the ocean on a hot summer day, nothing can bring a wave of terror to beachgoers quite like the primal beat featured in the soundtrack of the movie classic, Jaws.

Thanks to John Williams' simplistically brilliant composition of the music notes E and F, played in an alternating pattern, the summer of 1975 was filled with suspense and looming terror depicted in the summer blockbuster Jaws.

Directed by Steven Spielberg, and starring Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw and Richard Dreyfuss, the movie Jaws was based on the 1974

novel written by Peter Benchley.

For movie goers of that era, the perception of the mysterious sea and its many inhabitants, including the Great White Shark, was changed forever.

In fact, the movie created such a fear of sharks, that fear overshadowed the ecological importance of sharks, prompting shark hunting and over fishing of sharks for decades, which has negatively impacted the population of these ocean predators today.

This movie not only impacted the psychic and behavior of the summer beach tourist, but it also broke records at the box office, and was critically acclaimed, winning 3 out of its 4 Oscar nominations in

1976.

Jaws held the number one spot in the box office for 1975, beating such competition as "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," and holds the title for the first ever summer blockbuster movie.

With a meager film budget of \$9 million, Jaws was the first feature film to break \$260 million in domestic returns, and over \$470 million in global returns.

Surprisingly, it has been 50 years since the movie's original release, and unlike many films, Jaws has weathered the test of time, still providing all the suspense, thrills, and movie house magic that audiences experienced in 1975.

In celebration of the 50th

Anniversary of Jaws, the original film will return to theaters around the country on Labor Day weekend, with screenings running from Aug. 29 through Sept. 4, 2025.

Jaws is still available to stream at home on Peacock; however, for those who have never experienced this classic on the big screen, it is well worth a trip to the theater.

For those, like myself, who were introduced to this seaside thriller during its original release, a modern day screening of Jaws is sure to bring us back to the summer of '75, when we were all just a little bit afraid to venture into the water.

This anniversary hits particularly close to home for most New Englanders, as most of the movie locations were filmed right here in Massachusetts.

Although the movie takes place on the fictional summer resort island of Amity, New York, the movie was filmed on Martha's Vineyard, primarily in Edgartown.

Locations include downtown Edgartown, the harbor, beaches and the American Legion Memorial Bridge, which is now fondly known as the Jaws Bridge.

You can be sure that merchandisers have not missed out on the opportunity to cash in on the anniversary of this 1970's blockbuster movie.

Jaws merchandise can be

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purchased online, in big box stores, at select movie theaters, and even at many local seaside gift shops.

Movie merchandise items vary from 50th Anniversary Edition DVDs, to collectable pop figures, toys, and t-shirts.

Even the preppy Martha's Vineyard based clothing store, Vineyard Vines, is cashing in with local ties to the Jaws movie by offering an entire limited edition line of Jaws designer clothing.

AMC Theaters are featuring limited edition Jaws popcorn tins, an open mouth shark popcorn bucket, and Jaws reusable drink cups in celebration of this movie milestone. What better way to enjoy this movie theater experience than to reach into the

jaws of a shark and be rewarded with a fist full of warm, buttery popcorn while watching the mayhem of this rogue shark unfold on the big screen.

For fans looking for the story behind the movie, viewers can watch the new 90 minute documentary called Jaws @50: The Definitive Inside Story.

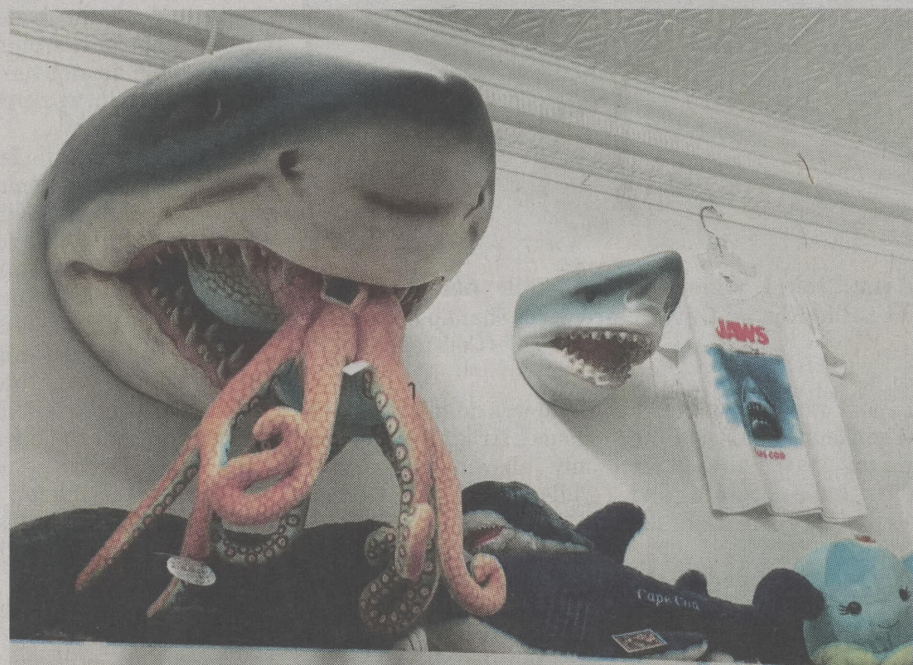
This documentary is not only a tribute to the 1975 classic film, but it is filled with plenty of content, interviews, and original footage of the behind the scene secrets and stories of the making of the original movie.

There are just a few fleeting weeks left in the official summer of 2025, so why not extend the pleasures of this summer by returning back to the blockbuster summer of 1975.

Watching Jaws on the big screen will not only remind everyone why "You're going to need a bigger boat," but will also refresh our imagination with Spielberg's vision of a seaside thriller, beautifully executed in the scenic backdrop of a Massachusetts coastal community.

Jaws @50 documentary can be streamed on Disney+ and Hulu.

To view the original Jaws motion picture on the big screen, local showings will be held on Labor Day weekend at Showcase Cinema and AMC Theaters. Check listings for times and ticket information.



Retailers are capitalizing on the 50th anniversary of the motion picture Jaws by offering everything from t-shirts to toys in celebration of this cinematic milestone. (Heather Burns photos)



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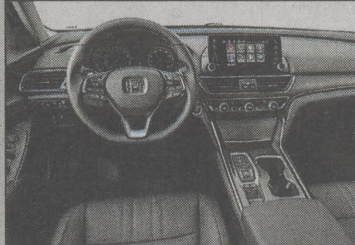
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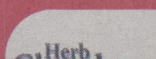
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Albert Edward Tobey Joined the Army Corps of Engineers

Albert Edward Tobey was born in Arlington, on June 25, 1936 to Edwin A. Tobey and Eldora R. (Whitten) Tobey. He was the second of three children, welcomed by older brother Glenn. His younger sister Marilyn was born two years later.

Al (as everyone but his mother called him) grew up in a duplex in Somerville, and on the streets of the Winter Hill neighborhood (although he claimed not to know Whitey Bulger). He had a reputation as a scrappy tough kid, as evidenced by the story his sister told of one night when she was followed by two teens, until one of them noticed, "Hey, isn't that Tobey's kid sister?" and they took off.

Al proudly attended Somerville Trade High School, where he studied his father's occupation of carpentry. In 1954, he enlisted in the Army Corps of Engineers and spent three years in and around Stuttgart, Germany, rebuilding the country after the destruction of World War II.

He enjoyed meeting all kinds of people and learned a few German phrases, most notably "zwei Bier bitte." (two beers, please!) He also endured three years of living in a pup tent in all kinds of weather.

When he returned to the states in 1957, he began working as an orderly at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where his mother was a head nurse. In 1962, he caught the attention of a young nurse, who had just moved to the area from western Massachusetts. She stole his car and hid it, he found it and found her.

Barbara Ann Mills was looking for just the right guy. She knew Al was the one after they went out bowling. She, a natural athlete, beat him soundly, but instead of getting upset, Al was impressed and told her so. After a short courtship, they married on April 27, 1963, and moved together to an apartment in Arlington.

In January of 1964, they welcomed their first child, daughter Joanne Marilyn, named after Al's kid sister. By that time, Al had earned his associate's degree in electrical engineering at Wentworth, and was working at MIT, where he spent several years.

Their second child, Dianne Louise, came along in 1966, and in 1967 they made the move from Arlington to Auburn Avenue in Wilmington, where, they spent the rest of their lives.

Al worked hard at his profession, earned a bachelor's degree in night school at Northeastern University, and earned almost all the credits toward a master's degree. Work travel in his days at AVCO led to his having to give up his plans for that degree. His love of learning, never ended, however, and he continued to read voraciously, and to study and play chess for the rest of his life.

The next years were filled with family life and a lot of hard work and travel, to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Colorado, to California and to many other locales. Although he would rather have been home, he took those trips to advance his career and he always brought back something for his girls, from flight pins to playing cards.

When he wasn't working, he joined with a great group of friends in bowling and golf leagues and lots of evenings out to friends' homes with Barbara, where they would play cards and laugh and enjoy themselves late into the night.

Al was always a great friend, always ready to share a beer and a laugh, always ready to help out. The neighbors on Auburn became like family, as did several of his work friends. Throughout his life, he never met a stranger, and called everyone his buddy.

In the late 1970s, Barbara and the girls finally convinced Al to try tent camping again. He immediately fell in love with the relaxed atmosphere, time out of doors with family and friends, campfires and an escape from the ever-present stress of his job.

Camping became a family pastime he enjoyed up until 2024, as even when he was limited by his dependence on oxygen Joanne found a way to get him set up in a tent with a cot and his concentrator.

Al was a great lover of animals. Growing up, he would often visit his uncle George's farm, where he loved to ride the huge draft horses and help his uncle when he entered the horses in pulling competitions in local fairs. He loved to tell the story of how his mom allowed him to keep a snapping turtle, housing it in their bathtub for several weeks.

He and Barbara got their first puppy as soon as they moved to Wilmington, and he would spend hours after work playing ball with Cricket. He was a bit leery of getting a cat, but loved all of the ones that became part of their family, especially Kizzy who was a great source of comfort after the sudden death of Barbara in 2021.

He enjoyed helping Joanne and her search and rescue dogs Bramble and Roo in their training, and he was always ready for a trip to the barn to pet Chloe or to anywhere where he could be around the horses.

Al's last job was probably his favorite, as Vice President of Operations for QC Optics, a firm started by his good friend George Quackenbush. He liked to tell everyone that all he did all day was walk around and talk to people, although his expertise at engineering and management were a great fit for his work.

Barbara retired from her work as a nurse in 1998, and Al followed two years later. They were able then to fully indulge in their love of camping, wintering in Georgia and Florida, and taking a memorable trip across the country for their 50th anniversary.

Their retirement was partially precipitated by the birth of their first grandchild, Leo. They made sure that Leo, and then Glennis and Estelle, were always aware of how much they were loved, and Al's new name of "Pika Al" given to him by one year old Leo, became his new favorite after their many games of peek a boo.

Through several trips a year to Chicago and then Cleveland, as well as family vacations in New England and two trips to Disney World, Pika Al and Nana made amazing memories that Dianne and her family will never forget.

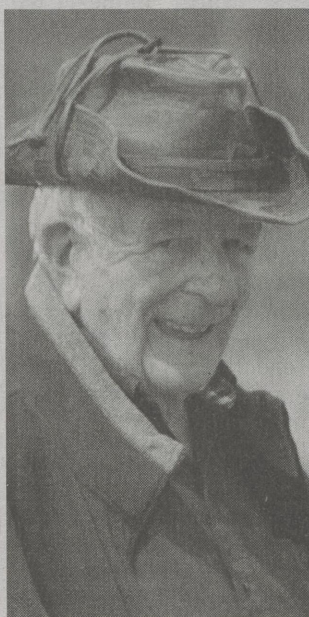
When not traveling, Al and Barbara greatly enjoyed their time as members of Meadowbrook Golf Club, where Barbara was a several time club champion and Al her biggest cheerleader. On the course, one of Al's best traits became evident — he never took himself too seriously and was always ready to notice the best in others.

He also became Joanne's "hiking buddy" — visiting local state parks and conservation areas and exploring the trails with her, using his trusty hiking stick. And he even tried (and enjoyed) snowshoeing!

After Barbara's sudden death in 2021, Al soldiered on, despite several serious health issues. Some of his favorite sayings became "This is the day the Lord has made" (a throwback to his days in Sunday school at Winter Hill Baptist Church, where he often would sneak out the bathroom window rather than attend class) "Pretty sky" (and when it was grey, it was because God was working on the other side of the canvas) and "getting better every day."

He was always working to get better, whether that meant getting up and down from his chair, or walking Auburn Avenue, where neighbors would look for him and even put out a chair where he could rest.

Joanne became his caregiver in these last days, taking him to appointments and sitting with him in the hospital as those stays became more frequent. He was an anxious patient, especially without Barbara to calm him down, and Jo worked hard to ensure he was cared



for well.

They also had many "adventures" — camping, visiting a draft horse rescue, traveling to Salisbury Beach in the winter, and traveling to some of the unique outdoor places in New England — including a special weekend trip in January 2023 to a bed and breakfast in VT.

When Dianne and his grandchildren came to visit, he was always waiting to play a few games of cribbage, and they continued his adventures by bringing him to York Beach and the Nubble Lighthouse, and of course Kimball's and Mac's for ice cream. He was always ready to go, mostly because he enjoyed being together with his family.

Al leaves many friends from all over the globe — from his online chess connections (he had at least five games going up until his death) to those he met on trips to Cleveland to be with Dianne and family, and winters camping in Georgia and Florida.

He kept in close touch with his coworkers at AVCO and QC Optics including a couple in Japan. Up until last summer, he looked forward to his times at Meadowbrook Golf Club and meeting with his golfing friends.

He made deep connections at Wilmington United Methodist Church, and of course with the Auburn Ave. neighbors, even those who moved away. He loved to meet new people and make them feel at home, inviting them to share a beer or dinner or whatever else was available, sometimes causing Barbara to have to cut the hot dogs in half and add a little water to the baked beans.

Al is met in heaven by his parents, his wife of 58 years Barbara, his brother Glenn (Phyllis) and sister Marilyn, and special friends both human and animal.

He will be forever missed by daughters Joanne and Dianne (Jane Thorkelson), grandchildren Leo, Glennis (Carmen) and Estelle, grand dog Roo and kitties Razzle and Rowan, as well as beloved sisters- and brothers-in-law and dear nieces and nephews and their families.

Joanne and Dianne are forever grateful to his many caregivers, especially those at Benchmark Assisted Living in Billerica, Beth Israel Lahey and the VA, and Beacon Hospice, and the endless help, care and companionship of friends, relatives and neighbors, including Pastor Peter and the members of Wilmington United Methodist Church, where he and Barbara joined in 1967.

His loving spirit, great good humor and gregarious nature will be forever missed. You are invited to raise a glass of your favorite beverage at 4 p.m. on any afternoon, as he will be joining you in Tea Time with Barbara. Thank you for being everyone's buddy, dad. We love you.

Family and friends gathered for a funeral service at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St. (Rt 62), Wilmington. Services concluded with military honors. Visiting hours were held on Friday, August 1st, from 4-7 p.m. at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt 62) Wilmington.

Memorial donations in Albert's name can be made to the Draft Gratitude Horse Rescue, www.draftgratitude.com or to the Central Mass. Search and Rescue, www.cmsart.org.

FBI Boston warns New Englanders to beware of law enforcement and government impersonation scams

BOSTON — The FBI Boston Division has seen an increase in reports of scammers targeting New Englanders through unsolicited telephone calls in which the caller claims to be a representative of well-known law enforcement and government agencies, including the FBI, to extort money or steal personally identifiable information.

Be advised, law enforcement and federal agencies do not call individuals threatening arrest or demanding money. Scammers often spoof caller ID information, and these phone calls are fraudulent even if they appear to be coming from an agency's legitimate phone number. Recipients should hang up immediately and report the call.

The tactics used by scammers continually change, but often share many of the same characteristics, including the utilization of intimidation tactics. Typically, the scammers will use an urgent tone, advise the recipient of the call that charges have been, or will soon be, filed against them, and threaten to confiscate the recipient's property, freeze their bank accounts, or have them arrested unless payment is made immediately.

If the recipient questions the caller, the caller becomes more aggressive. The recipients are advised that it will cost thousands of dollars in fees or court costs to resolve the matter, and the caller typically instructs people to wire "settlement" money or provide payment via prepaid cards, gift cards, wire transfers, and cash, sent by mail or inserted into cryptocurrency ATMs to avoid arrest.

The scammer may also tell the victim to keep the matter secret from family and friends.

"These fraudsters are capitalizing on fear and intimidation because nobody wants to be the subject of a law enforcement investigation," said Ted E. Docks, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Boston Division.

"We've seen an increase in these scams which is why we're reminding the public to resist the urge to act immediately and verify who is actually contacting you."

According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), 17,367 people reported being victims of government impersonation scams in 2024, with losses totaling \$405,624,084. Here in the Boston Division, which includes all of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, 778 complaints were filed with financial losses totaling \$12,948,552.

98 victims in Maine reported losing \$1,643,432.

507 victims in Massachusetts reported losing \$9,511,181.

106 victims in New Hampshire reported losing \$1,646,059.

67 victims in Rhode Island reported losing \$147,880.

The FBI will never:

Call or email private citizens to demand payment, threaten arrest, or request personal or sensitive information.

Request payment via prepaid cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency ATMs to avoid arrest.

Ask victims to liquidate assets into cash and/or purchase gold bars, silver, or other precious metals.

Ask you to use large sums of your own money to help catch a criminal.

Call you about "frozen" Social Security numbers or inheritances.

Scams impersonating the FBI and other government agencies are a persistent problem and can also occur via email. Common hallmarks of a scam email include misspellings, missing words, and incorrect grammar. Fraudulent emails may give the appearance of legitimacy by using pictures of the FBI Director and/or the FBI seal and letterhead.

Members of the public seeking to confirm that they have been contacted by an actual FBI employee are encouraged to call the FBI Boston Division at 857-386-2000 and ask to be connected directly.

To avoid becoming a victim of this scam, be wary of answering phone calls from numbers you do not recognize. Do not send money to anybody you do not personally know and trust. Never give out your personal information, including your Social Security number, over the phone or to individuals you do not know.

If you think you are a victim of this scam and suffered a financial loss, cease all contact with the scammers immediately, notify your financial institutions and safeguard any financial accounts. Contact your local law enforcement agency and file a police report, and file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at ic3.gov. Be sure to keep any financial transaction information, including prepaid cards and banking records, along with all telephone, text, or email communications.

All types of fraud schemes and scams (even if there is no financial loss) should be reported to IC3. Filing a complaint allows analysts from the FBI to identify leads and patterns from the hundreds of complaints that are received daily. The IC3 then refers the complaints, along with their analyses, to the relevant law enforcement agency to aid in public awareness and crime prevention education efforts.

Tewksbury Community Market to feature 30 vendors

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Community Market will host more than 30 vendors on Thursday, August 7, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Livingston Street Park (288 Livingston St.), behind the Recreation Center.

The Aug. 7 market will feature the following vendors:

FOOD TRUCKS

- Birds Nest Italian Street Food (sliders, deep fried manicotti, mozzarella sticks, fried ravioli)
- Cupcake City (gourmet cupcakes)
- Eggroll Café (eggrolls, bubble teas)
- Empanada Dada (empanadas)
- Kona Ice (flavored shaved ice)
- Old Mill House Coffee (coffee)
- The Stand (fresh squeezed lemonade)

FOOD VENDORS

- Aaronap Cellars (wine)
- Big Rich's Hot Sauce (hot sauces)
- BitzNPeace Farm (fresh vegetables, maple syrup, eggs, plants, flowers)
- Black Sheep Craft Ice Cream (craft ice cream in pints & half pints)
- Demi Doux Soda (low-sugar soda)
- Farmer Palmer (garlic products)

- Fudge N Stuff (homemade fudge, popcorn, kettle corn, candied nuts)
- Grep Kafé & Sweets Bakery (hand pies, cupcakes, cookies, nut brittles)
- Holy Moly Snacks (beef chips)
- Pleasant Valley Gardens Farm (fresh vegetables, local fruit, plants, aprons, hats, tote bags)
- Roma's Bakery (bread, pies, pastries, cookies, pizza)
- Seafood Express (fresh & frozen prepared seafood)
- Sophie's Apples (gourmet candy apples)
- Sweet Inc. Bake Shoppe (assortment of pastries & baked goods)
- Tewksbury Honey (honey & honey related products)
- Tewksbury Public Library's Community Garden (organic vegetables, fruit, flowers)

- Paper Pie (children's books)
- Soak It In Artisan Soap (soap & bath products)
- Stag and Clover (loose leaf teas, tinctures, salves, wellness products)

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Tewksbury Conservation Commission

The Tewksbury Community Market runs from 4 to 7 p.m. every Thursday in June, July, August and September (minus June 19 and July 3). Please note the Market has more than 70 vendors and its lineup changes from week to week.

Visit the Tewksbury Community Market's website at www.tewksburymarket.com to learn more. Follow the Tewksbury Community Market's Facebook (@TewksburyMarket), Twitter/X (@TewksburyMarket), and Instagram (@TewksburyCommunityMarket) for additional market updates throughout the season.

Have a question about the market? Contact Community/Economic Development Planner Alex Lowder at 978-640-4370 x 248 or alowder@tewksbury-ma.gov and Community Outreach Librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or rhayes@tewksburypl.org.

Chandler graduates from Roger Williams Univ.

BRISTOL, RI — The following students received their degrees in May as part of the Class of 2025.

- Dylan Chandler of Tewksbury

About RWU

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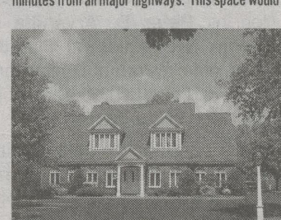
professional programs, with campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the state capital of Providence, Rhode Island. Across eight schools of study, we provide real-world learning focused on social and environmental justice, small classes, and direct access to faculty and staff.

Our students create powerful combinations of degrees,

credentials, research and internship opportunities, study-abroad programs, and involvement in clubs, student organizations, and athletics. Our Northeast location facilitates a strategic network between New York and Boston for community-engaged research and career opportunities for our students and alumni.

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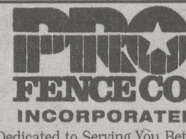
Large second-floor office space in the heart of Wilmington with easy access to The Commuter Rail and minutes from all major highways. This space would be ideal for a lawyer or a tax professional.



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Students achieve academic honors at St. John's Prep

DANVERS — St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the fourth quarter of the 2024-2025 school year, which ended on May 30, 2025. Students who qualified for the Head of School's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students

who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the fourth quarter 2024-2025.

TEWKSBURY

Head of School's List
• William Forsyth '27
• Ayyan Kamran '26

Honor Roll
• Timothy Tuttle '28

WILMINGTON

Head of School's List
• Christopher Morad '28
• Nicholas Morad '25
• Kane O'Neill '31
• John Salvador '29

Principal's List
• Matthew Norton '28

Honor Roll
• Justin Gallozzi '29
• Ryan Gallozzi '29
• Jonathan Morad '25

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**www.homenewshere.com or
masspublicnotices.org/Search.aspx**

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SELECT BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025 by the Select Board for the transfer and pledge of inventory and license of the All Alcohol Package Store License of Shop-Rite Liquors, Inc. dba Elia's Country Store to OM NAMA SHIVAY CORP dba Elia's Country Store, property located at 381 Middlesex Avenue.

Frank J. West, Sr., Chair
Select Board
250777 8/7/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9 on Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

CASE # 7-25
831 MAIN STREET
MAP 26 PARCEL 7B

APPLICANT:
P2P PROPERTIES LLC
AND DEBORAH PARLEE

REQUEST: APPEALING THE DECISION MADE BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR PURSUANT TO MGLc 40A, SECTION 8 AND SECTION 10.3.6.1, OF THE WILMINGTON ZONING BYLAW, THAT SHORT-TERM RENTALS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON MASS

250630 7/31, 8/7/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9 on Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

CASE # 10-25
48 BRAND AVE
MAP 44 PARCEL 57

APPLICANT:
GUTEMBERS SANTOS

TO ACQUIRE A SPECIAL PERMIT SECTION 6.1.6.4 TO EXTEND A NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE WHICH CONSISTS OF A ADDITION AND A DECK.

250750 7/31, 8/7/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SELECT BOARD

**STREET ACCEPTANCE
BY BETTERMENT PLAN
2026 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The Select Board of the Town of Wilmington gives notice that all informal petitions for warrant articles for Acceptance of Streets by Betterment Plan, so called, in the Town of Wilmington for the 2026 Annual Town Meeting must be filed with the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 5, 2025.

Frank J. West, Sr., Chair
Select Board
250809 8/7, 21/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

**Ballardvale Street
over Intermittent Stream
Culvert Repair Project**

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item: **Ballardvale Street over Intermittent Stream Culvert Repair Project** will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Wilmington, Massachusetts Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

Beginning on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, any bidding documents (i.e. specifications and bid forms) may be obtained electronically free of charge in PDF format by visiting the Procurement Department website at <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>. Bidders must register through the Procurement Department website to receive electronic bids. Once registered, the bidder will receive updates or addenda to the contract documents. Hard copies of the bidding documents are not available and will only be distributed electronically. There is no pre-bid meeting for this project.

Bids will be opened in the Office of the Town Manager on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 10 a.m. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a **BID BOND, CASH, or CERTIFIED CHECK** issued by a responsible bank or trust compa-

ny in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.30, §39M.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids. The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Wilmington
By: R. Eric Slagle,
Town Manager
250820 8/7/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SELECT BOARD

NOTICE

Deadline for filing applications for sale of Christmas trees for the 2025 season will be Friday, August 29, 2025. All applications should be filed in the Town Manager's office prior to the close of business on August 29, 2025.

Frank J. West, Sr., Chair
Select Board
250815 8/7/25

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI25P3006EA

Estate of:
Mathew J. Czyzycki, Jr.
Date of Death: 04/27/2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Andrea Czyzycki Morgan of Chelmsford MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Andrea Czyzycki Morgan of Chelmsford MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

250811 8/7/25

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

**Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P3888EA

Estate of:
Dwynna A. Arvanitis
Also known as:
Dwynna Ann Arvanitis
Date of Death: 09/27/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Peter D. Arvanitis of Epsom NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Peter D. Arvanitis of Epsom NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

Upcoming local events

August 3, Wilmington Farmer's Market, Swain Green, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Over 20 vendors, food trucks, farmers, crafts, games! [Wilmingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://wilmingtonfarmersmarket.com)

August 3, Public Health Museum Sunday Opening- 1 - 3 p.m., publichealthmuseum.org

August 7, Tewksbury Community Market, 4 - 7 p.m., Livingston Street Recreation Complex, www.tewksburymarket.com Over 30 vendors, food trucks, farmers, crafts, games and more.

August 10, Wilmington Farmer's Market, Swain Green, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Over 20 vendors, food trucks, farmers, crafts, games! [Wilmingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://wilmingtonfarmersmarket.com)

Aug. 10, Free Inclusive Buddy Track Program at TMHS. Drop in from 1 - 2 p.m. for fun track skills.

August 11-15, Strongwater Farm Inclusive Summer Horse program. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Designed for ages 8-14 students with ADHD or autism. Contact jane.kirby@strongwaterfarm.org for details.

July 1-August 16, Community Food Drive, Lowell, Donate Cooking oil, cereal, coffee, diced tomatoes, flour, peanut butter, rice, salt & spices, tea for House of Hope. Drop off Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 16 10

a.m. - 1 p.m. at Mill City Grows, 19 Hall St., Lowell

August 22, 23, 24, Middlesex County 4H Fair BBQ, vegetables, animals, flowers. 4-H Fairgrounds, Westford, 4hmiddlesexfair.org

September 6, Enterprise Bank Free Shredding event, 1120 Main St., Tewksbury. Limit of 10 boxes of material per person. Paper only, no binders. Staples are acceptable. Please remove rubber bands and paper clips.

September 12, Tewksbury Veterans BBQ, 11 a.m., reservations required. Tewksbury Veterans and families. Outdoors in the Healing Garden. Call to reserve: 978-640-4485

September 13, Wilmington High School Class of 1975 50th reunion, live band, dancing, buffet dinner, cash bar. Pay by July 2 through last minute walk-ins - \$95. Register and pay at: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/high-school-class-reunion-temp-65333/items?cart> Questions? Steve Brander skbrander@gmail.com Reunion Organizers: Steve Brander / Vin Scifo / Helen Ryba

September 15, Alternative House 29th Annual Golf Fundraiser, Trull Brook Gold and Tennis Center, Tewksbury. Sponsorships available and registration: charitygolftoday.com/AHgolffclassic

September 18, Strong Hearts, Strong Minds, Strongwater Farm Gala, Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro. 5:30 p.m.. <https://strongwaterfarm.org/gala/>

September 27, Community Yard Sale 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St. Are you a crafter who would like to sell your items or are you looking to downsize and sell some of your gently used treasures? For more information or to reserve a space, please contact Sandy by email at sewing.Sandy@yahoo.com

Book Store Next Door, Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on August 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Paul J. O'Keefe on behalf of Michael Faria for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 15 Wolcott Street, Assessor's Map 82, Lot 130, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
250696 7/31, 8/7/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on August 18, 2025 at 7:05 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Salvatore Micieli on behalf of Nicholas and Samantha Idrisano for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 17 Marion Street, Assessor's Map 51, Lot 47, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
250725 7/31, 8/7/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW,

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on August 18, 2025 at 7:10 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Bohler Engineering on behalf of Walmart Real Estate Business Trust** for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a 4,336 SF addition to the retail store to support online grocery pickup operations as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 333 Main Street, Assessor's Map 10, Lot 72, zoned General Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
250767 7/31, 8/7/25

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
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**Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
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(781) 865-4000**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P4088EA

Estate of:
Walter E Moran
Date of Death: 07/03/2025

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Paul Francis Moran of Stoneham MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Paul Francis Moran of Stoneham MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/20/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 1, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
250828 8/7/25

Middlesex Conservation District holds 2025 fall plant sale

LEXINGTON — The Middlesex Conservation District will be holding its annual Fall Plant Sale on Friday, Sept. 12 from 4 - 7 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Minuteman High School, 758 Marrett Road, Lexington.

All items can be pre-ordered through Sept. 5 and picked up on the sale days — they encourage early ordering as all items are sold on a first come, first served basis. To place an order, you can go to their website at <https://middlesexconservationdistrict.org>, go to the 2025 Fall Native Plant Sale page, and order the plants you are interested in online.

If you would like to mail in an order form, please email admin@middlesexconservationdistrict.org to request one. They highly suggest ordering online,

as it is the fastest way to order and you will avoid disappointment if the product is no longer in stock by the time your order is received. The order form is also available to view online.

Offerings will include native shrub seedlings, wildflowers, ferns, grasses, fruits, and hardgoods such as root bags. All plants are straight, native species that benefit native pollinators, wildlife, and local ecosystem. They will also be selling excess first quality stock on the days listed above.

The Middlesex Conservation District is a not-for-profit environmental agency whose purpose is conservation of natural resources of Middlesex County. Proceeds from our biannual plant sales provide educational programs and other activities which aim to protect our

soil and water resources.

For more information about our sale or programs please visit <https://middlesexconservationdistrict.org/>.

Their 2025 Fall Native Plant Sale is offered county wide by the Middlesex Conservation District, a not-for-profit, quasi-state government organization. This is for the Friday event date.

This event will be held at the Minuteman High School's Horticulture Program Area at the back left of the school. All plants come as plugs and are straight, native species. Options include wildflowers, ferns, vines, and more! These plants help our native pollinators, increase biodiversity, reduce water use, and increase soil health.

Everyone is welcome, this is a free admission event to purchase plants.

Sensitive populations should limit outdoor time

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longed outdoor activity, according to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Residents can track air quality measures via the Healthy Air Network (<https://healthyairnetwork.org/>) which has air quality monitors located around Massachusetts capturing real-time data about particulate matter and ozone. The tracker for our area is in Chelmsford. Mass DEP measures outdoor air quality at more than 20 of these stations across the state.

The smoke is the result of wildfires in Canada, specifically the midwestern prairies, which is then carried via the jet stream across the upper Midwest

and into New England, according to the National Weather Service.

According to the Canadian Wildfire Information System, fires in the Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan and Manitoba provinces are the source of the smoke, with many fires classified as "out of control." Over 700 fires are burning right now, and Canada has recorded 3,981 fires as of Monday, according to the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre.

Air quality alerts have been issued by Environment Canada for its own citizens as forest fires are burning in almost every province according to data from Aug. 4, 2025.

And why is Canada ablaze? The Canadian Climate Institute says that

while human-caused fires often dominate public discussion, lightning-caused fires are responsible for most of the forest area burned in Canada. Severe drought has increased the vulnerability of plains and forested areas to catching fire.

Instability of the atmosphere creates updraft which in turn increases the chance of thunderstorms, but also there are increases in the phenomenon of dry lightning: lighting that occurs without any or minimal rain.

For additional information, please visit the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection website at: <https://mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-department-of-environmental-protection>.



Wakefield Rotary welcomes two Wilmington Rotarians representing ALS events

Wakefield Rotary Club President Kathryn Boyle, center, welcomed Wilmington Rotarian Mike Burns, left, and attorney Eugene Nigro, right, to a recent Rotary Club meeting. The two represented The Angel Fund for ALS Research and the Ice Bucket Challenge, an annual fundraising event sponsored by the Wilmington Rotary Club. Burns serves as a member of the Advisory Board and Nigro is the Founding Director of The Angel Fund for ALS Research. This year's event will be held on Aug. 23 at Rotary Park in Wilmington at 10 a.m.

(Courtesy photo)

Board had questions, but ultimately supported change

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Street multi-family housing project had not received the permit and could possibly change to condominiums and affect the town's number of affordable units.

Gingrich mentioned that 40B developments require approval through the Zoning Board of Appeals, and any changes go through the ZBA in that case rather than the Planning Board for local zoning as with 7 Cross St. Peterson described that the 40B law adequately protects the town against these concerns.

Slagle also agreed that if West Street came back to the ZBA to change to condominiums, they should recommend disapproval.

Caira then asked about the units at 203 Lowell St. Gingrich answered that

these were condominiums with no affordable units, as the project was filed and froze zoning before the town adding the inclusionary component for these types of projects.

The board voted unanimously in favor to authorize the chair to sign the revised application to the EOHLC for the units at 7 Cross St. as condominiums rather than apartments.

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Program moved all over town, from Swain School to library

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said Swasey.

From there, the program evolved.

"Most of the kids in town were involved in the summer playground program. We got inquiries from parents about the younger ones, ages four, five and six," Swasey said.

Swasey worked with then Town Manager Sterling Morris and though he knew it would be a big job, he was confident the rec department could fill the void.

"We can do it!" Swasey said.

The program moved locations over the years, from a room at the Swain school, to the library, the old Buzzell Senior Center, and eventually the Boutwell School. Swasey said there was a commitment by the parents — drop off and pick up — and that sessions were held for three weeks at a time.

Four year olds and five year olds had half days, and eventually the program expanded to include seven and eight year olds.

Swasey quickly realized he needed extra hands. He decided to put teens to work as volunteers, a practice that continues today.

"I knew kids through the rec department and helping in the program was a way to keep kids busy. Eventually we got a line item in the budget to pay staff."

Ron Colbert was a teen helper at the time, and credits the program for his path to a doctorate in early childhood education.

Colbert said, "Ron was good to me. He knew I was pursuing my masters and let me come in the afternoons so I could finish my morning class."

Colbert recalled being seen around town by former Tiny Tots students who would see him and call out excitedly "Mr. C, Mr. C!" Colbert said some teens went on to pursue



▲ Tiny Tots/Kids Club Director Linda Stillings, staff and all the campers made a giant banner to recognize the 50th anniversary of the program. Founder Ron Swasey and early program directors were also on hand for the event. (Paige Impink photos)

careers in education as a result of their work in the program, and that working in the program was a dream job for many Wilmington kids.

He credits Swasey for "lifting up" much of the youth in town at the time, and welcoming all families.

"There was a fee, but if you couldn't pay, Ron made sure you were still in the program," said Colbert.

Swasey said the program was emulated by other towns.

Fast forward 50 years and the program occupies several classrooms in the Boutwell. Managed by Stillings for the past 25 years, she's dedicated to the program.

"I've only missed two years — one for COVID and one for the birth of my first child," she said.

Many teachers, like Stillings, participate in the program, with youth counselors and volunteers as support.

Students Grace Walsh, Ava Kennedy and Charlie Rooney are program lead-



▲ Ron Colbert, Diane Ferguson, Ron Swasey, and Michele Caira Siracusa reminisce with photographs from early days of the rec department's summer program. Wilmington's summer program became a model for other communities looking to expand beyond playground-based summer camps for kids. Swasey started the program in the 1970s, filling a need for families with young children in the community.

ers now, Walsh and Rooney remember attending the program as youngsters and have positive memories.

"The volunteers were the best part," said Rooney, who recalled seeing his camp leaders around town.

Now a volunteer himself, the opportunity to participate in the program and give back was an easy decision.

Walsh, who hopes to pursue an education pathway, likes helping out.

"It's a great summer job," she said.

Registration for the summer 2026 program will

open in February. Information may be found online at <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/recreation>.



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